

CLOTURE RULE TO BE INVOKED

Anti-Lynching Bill Defeat Seen When Three Supporters Agree To Lay It Aside. Southern Senators Feeling Better.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Supporters of the anti-lynching bill resorted to the senate's debate-end cloture rule tonight in a final effort to break the stubborn Southern filibuster against that measure.

Sixteen names, the required number, were affixed to a petition for cloture and its final filing awaited only such time as Senator Neely, of West Virginia, could obtain the floor. At the conclusion of a speech by Senator Russell, of Georgia, asserting that the bill was backed by the Communist party, Neely found an opportunity to send his cloture petition to the chair.

Senator Bulkley, Democrat, of Ohio, presiding, read it while the Southerners exchanged glances of apparent surprise. When Bulkley had finished several of them, in chorus, demanded that the names of the signers be read also.

Senator Harrison, of Mississippi, inquired when the vote under the petition would be taken.

"I would like to know," Harrison said, "the time that I am going to be lynched."

He was told the vote would come at 1 o'clock on Thursday.

Senator McNary, Republican, of Oregon, the minority floor leader, announced briefly that he would oppose the cloture motion.

The senate then recessed until noon tomorrow.

Under cloture procedure, two days after the filing of the petition, the senate votes automatically on the question of whether debate is thereafter limited to a single one-hour speech by each senator until a vote is taken.

Those who have followed the battle against the anti-lynching bill are convinced that the necessary two-thirds vote will not be forthcoming; that the Southerners, with some assistance from other sections, control at least a third of the senate on this issue.

But the proponents of the bill found themselves between two fires today. Important legislation was being left unconsidered. To bring it before the senate, three senators, Burke, Democrat, of Nebraska; Wheeler, Democrat, of Montana, and Herring, Democrat, of Iowa, all supporters of the anti-lynching measure, said they were ready to vote to lay the measure aside.

In addition, a series of night sessions, the second of which occurred tonight, was proving highly unpopular. One group of senators, while ready to vote for the anti-lynching bill when the occasion arises, resented 12 to 15-hour working days and the cancellation of social engagements. They too were ready to vote to lay the bill aside.

Leading supporters were quick to see that unless a vote could be forced by cloture, the bill would probably be shelved within a few days.

They were pessimistic as to the result of the cloture vote, however, and more than one in the senate privately called the move the most graceful way to submit to having the bill laid aside. With an unfavorable cloture vote and the obvious impossibility of breaking the filibuster otherwise at any early date, the bill would have to be abandoned for the time being.

Those who signed the petition were: Wagner (D-N.Y.), Van Nuys (D-Ind.), Neely (D-W.Va.), LaFollette (P-Wis.), Minton (D-Ind.), Brown (D-N.H.), Clark (D-Mo.), McGill (D-Kansas), Schwelbach (D-Wash.), Truman (D-Mo.), Bone (D-Wash.), Bulkley (D-Ohio), Hitchcock (D-SD), Copeland (D-N.Y.), Thomas (D-Utah), and Guffey (D-Pa.).

Others beside Burke, Wheeler and Herring said privately they were seriously considering announcing their willingness to give up the legislation.

Former Clinton Woman Passes

Friends and relatives here of Mrs. Walter E. Gay will regret to learn of her death which occurred Sunday at a hospital in Fort Gaines, Ga., where she had been a patient for two weeks. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the residence.

Mrs. Gay before marriage was Miss Irene Benjamin, daughter of the late Lady Benjamin of this community, and Mrs. Fannie Benjamin. Her husband preceded her to the grave six years ago. She is pleasantly remembered here where she was reared and held in high esteem.

Mrs. Gay is survived by five children, her mother, and four brothers, W. J. Benjamin and Charlton D. Benjamin of this place, L. G. Benjamin of Darlington, and J. C. Benjamin of Hartsville.

Hoey Makes Talk To Press Group

Governor Emphasizes Power of Press To Safeguard Rights of the Public.

Columbia, Jan. 21.—There is no real basis for antagonism between government and business and "no occasion for punitive actions on the part of either," Governor Clyde R. Hoey of North Carolina, told the South Carolina Press Association and Institute here Friday night.

"We need unity and harmony between both (business and government)," he declared, "and a determined purpose upon the part of all to decrease unemployment, improve the condition of workers, increase the profits of industry, agriculture and business, and stabilize our whole economic system."

Speaking on the federal constitution and the obligations and opportunities of newspapers, the governor said, "The press can perform an invaluable service to the country in this hour of uncertainty and doubt. It can do much to harmonize the differences between business and government and reconcile their divergent views."

"It will be neither wise nor helpful to stress the disagreements and magnify the hostilities."

He termed the press "the most powerful agency in forming public opinion," and added, "with this great potentiality for creating sentiment, a high responsibility rests upon the press. The first obligation is to be fair."

"It is easy to understand wide differences of opinion in the various editorial offices," Governor Hoey said, "and this is both wholesome and natural, but there should be no difference in any reputable newspaper office upon the policy of always being fair in chronicling the news and in the statement of facts."

Freedom of the press, he continued, "is the surest guarantee of the continued freedom of the people."

"Liberty of expression and freedom of thought," he said, "form the basis for the protection of the rights of all people, the prevention of injustices and the defeat of oppressive and unjust measures. . . . the open criticism of government and officials, while sometimes unfair, extreme and even unjust, is by far more wholesome than the suppression of comment and criticism."

Turning to the constitution, the speaker declared Americans could enjoy their rights only through making secure the rights of their neighbors.

"The constitution is the bulwark of protection for our democracy," he said. "It is the only safeguard against the unrestrained will of the majority. But for this ark of the covenant of fundamental law, the legislative majority could deprive the minority of all rights and go to such excess as to imperil popular government."

PIEDMONT HEALTH MEETING IS HELD

Laurens, Jan. 22.—Physicians, nurses and department directors discussed various phases of health problems at the quarterly meeting here Friday of the Piedmont Public Health association. The one day session was attended by representatives from most of the 14 counties comprising the district.

The association elected a new executive board of three members with Dr. G. R. Westrope of Gaffney, chairman; Mrs. H. O. Speed, Laurens, and Jack Wise, Newberry.

The next meeting will be held at Newberry.

KIWANIS MEET AT GOLDVILLE TONIGHT

Members of the Clinton Kiwanis club will be supper guests this evening at 7:30 of Kiwanian W. A. Moorhead at Goldville. The meeting will be held in the attractive new girls' club building, the program being in charge of the club's committee on boys and girls work.

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ANOTHER SIT-DOWN



Control Sought For Cotton Crop

Tentative Plan Calls for Reduction of Planting To 26 Million Acres This Year.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Tentative crop control arrangements for the 1938 season provide for a reduction of between 15,000,000 and 30,000,000 acres in plantings of the major food and fibre crops, agriculture department officials said today.

Such a reduction would involve between 5 and 10 per cent of the total acreage planted to the same crops in 1937.

Officials said that most of the cut would be in cotton and wheat—crops of which the nation now has huge surpluses.

Tentative planting goals are aimed at a total acreage of 275,000,000 to 290,000,000 acres in cotton, corn, tobacco, wheat, rice and other soil-depleting crops. In 1937, the area planted to these crops totaled 305,700,000 acres, officials said. Farm land available for all crops exceeds 365,000,000 acres.

Under present arrangements, which the farm bill now pending in congress is expected to change little insofar as they apply to plantings, farmers would be paid benefits from a \$440,000,000 soil conservation fund for withdrawing a fixed percentage of their land from the major crops and placing it in soil-building crops, such as grasses, clovers, etc.

The cotton acreage would be cut from approximately 34,000,000 in 1937 to 26,000,000 or 27,000,000.

Although officials say they hope the finished farm bill will require no acreage quotas for wheat growers this year, they are urging farmers to make a voluntary reduction of several million acres in spring wheat planting. Drought conditions in the wheat belt may help effect the reduction.

Slightly smaller acreages of rice, tobacco, peanuts, potatoes and grain crops generally are contemplated.

State and county acreage allotments are being calculated for each of the major crops except wheat. They will not be approved finally until congress acts on the new farm legislation, provided such action comes within the next few weeks. Acreage goals for individual growers will be fixed by local committees.

TRAINING UNION TO MEET JAN. 30

The regular quarterly rally of the Laurens county Baptist Training unions will be held January 30 at 2:30 P. M. with the Cross Hill church, it is announced by Miss Cleo Tumbler, county secretary. An interesting and inspirational program has been arranged. Every Baptist church in the county is expected to send representatives.

COOPER IS APPROVED

Washington, Jan. 24.—The senate judiciary committee today reported favorably the nomination of Robert A. Cooper, of South Carolina, as United States district judge of Puerto Rico.

Cooper is now serving under an appointment which expires today.

ACTING DEAN AT FURMAN

Dr. John F. Bozard, English professor has been named acting Furman university dean in the absence of Dean R. N. Daniel, on leave of absence. Dr. Bozard formerly taught in the high school here. He married Miss Elise Henry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Henry of this city.

Officers Elected For New Year

Clinton Production Credit Association Personnel Unchanged. Stone Is President.

The directors of the Clinton Production Credit Association met in Clinton on Friday for the purpose of electing officers and selecting personnel for the current year.

C. W. Stone, of Clinton, was re-elected president, J. T. McCrackin of Newberry, was re-elected vice-president, and Rex Lanford of Waterloo, was re-elected as secretary-treasurer.

George W. Copeland of Clinton was retained as bookkeeper and Miss Helen Hollingsworth as stenographer, both to serve the home office in Clinton.

The association's branch offices in Newberry and Laurens will be continued as heretofore, in order to render convenient service to the farmers of these two counties.

The office in Newberry will be in charge of Mrs. Sara Wallace, and the office in Laurens in charge of J. Waddy Thompson.

Directors of the association other than Mr. Stone and Mr. McCrackin, are Jack H. Davis, Sr., of Clinton, Dr. W. C. Brown of Newberry, E. J. Sloan of Fountain Inn.

The association made loans to farmers in Laurens and Newberry counties totalling \$273,000.00 in 1937.

Citizens Enjoys Splendid Year

City's Oldest Building and Loan Association Re-elects Directors and Officers At Annual Meeting.

The annual shareholders meeting of the Citizens Federal Savings and Loan association was held Wednesday night at which time a financial report was given for the year showing substantial progress in every phase of its activity, and a large gain in its total assets.

Following a consideration of the report, the board of directors was re-elected as follows: Dr. M. J. McFadden, J. P. Prather, B. H. Boyd, S. W. Sumerel, W. W. Harris, W. A. Moorhead, W. J. Duncan, D. C. Heustess, and T. D. Copeland.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors, the following officers were re-elected to serve the coming year: Dr. M. J. McFadden, president; J. P. Prather, vice-president; B. H. Boyd, secretary-treasurer; Robbie Henderson, assistant secretary.

The Citizens is the oldest association of its kind in Clinton, having been organized in 1909. Six months ago it was converted into a federal association and since then has been operated under its present name.

HONORED BY FRATERNITY

William P. Jacobs, well known business man of the city and president of Presbyterian college, was formally inducted into Phi Psi, national honorary textile fraternity, at Clemson college last Monday night as an honorary member. Mr. Jacobs was the principal speaker at the banquet at which time the honor was conferred upon him.

GLEE CLUB ON TRIP

The Presbyterian college glee club under the direction of Dr. S. M. Huntley is away on a week's trip during which time programs will be given in several towns in the state.

Supply Measure Is Before House

Seventy Appropriation Items To Be Acted On Before Bill Moves To Senate.

Columbia, Jan. 24.—Consideration of the \$11,945,227 ways and means committee's general appropriation bill, already increased by \$233,811, was resumed by the house of representatives Tuesday when the general assembly opened its third week.

Approximately seventy sections of the measure, including that dealing with the highway department, remained to be adopted before the all-important bill can be sent to the senate.

The principal increases in the bill as voted by the house covered larger appropriations for all state colleges and the state hospital despite its previous action to eliminate the entire five-mill state levy on real property.

The ways and means committee had proposed reductions of the tax by two and a half mills only but the house voted overwhelmingly to abolish it altogether.

Before the legislators left for the week-end, members of the committee named last year to investigate the handling by the cooperative associations of cotton under the twelve-cent government loan plan intimated they would have their long-awaited report ready by tomorrow.

The committee, headed by Senator C. S. McCall, of Marlboro, conducted lengthy hearings during the summer and fall and sifted charges by Commissioner of Agriculture J. Roy Jones that the co-ops had under-classified the loan cotton and then resold it at higher classifications.

Three New Teams On Grid Menu

Blue Hose Gridders To Meet Centre, Oglethorpe and Stetson. Four Home Night Games.

Presbyterian college's football team will meet three schools not on its 1937 schedule in 1938, according to an announcement by Athletic Director Walter Johnson, who also states that while the Blue Stockings will play ten games during this fall, the complete schedule is not yet ready for announcement.

Of the three schools added, two are institutions which the Hosemen never have met. On October 22 they will invade Danville, Kentucky, where for the first time in Presbyterian college history, they will play Centre college.

On Thanksgiving Day they will go to Deland, Florida, to close their season against another school new to Blue Hose grid schedules, Stetson university.

The third addition to the schedule is Oglethorpe university, which the Hosemen will play on September 24 in Atlanta. P. C. has played the Stormy Petrels in the past.

Johnson also indicated that there would be four home games for the Blue Stockings, each of them played at night, though the details of dates are not yet certain.

Three schools on the 1937 schedule are not present on the 1938 slate. They are Georgia Tech, Furman, and the University of South Carolina.

WOULD AID HAIL VICTIMS

Representative R. C. Wasson, of this county, is co-author with sixteen other house members of a resolution to exempt South Carolina farmers who lost two-thirds or more of their crops through hail damage from the payment of state property taxes.

SEEKS TO REPEAL ACT

Columbia, Jan. 25.—Representative Bruce Littlejohn of Spartanburg put a bill in the house hopper tonight to repeal the workmen's compensation act.

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SIX CONVICTS TO DIE IN CHAIR

Will Pay Penalty for Murder of Sanders March 25. New Trial Denied By Judge Featherstone. Appeal Talk Heard.

Columbia, Jan. 24.—March 25 was set today for the electrocution of the six penitentiary prisoners convicted of the murder of J. Olin Sanders.

Circuit Judge C. C. Featherstone set the date after refusing motions for a new trial. He decreed that they should die "between sunrise and sunset" in the death house, which is but a few yards from the office where Sanders was fatally stabbed as the prison guard captain was held by the prisoners in an attempt to escape December 12.

Defense attorneys said they had no definite plans to appeal the case.

Before sentence was passed, the court asked the prisoners if "you have anything to say?"

"Yes, sir," J. V. Blair of Sumter replied. "We haven't had a fair trial. That is, I don't think that five of the men had a fair trial."

Then William B. Woods of Biloxi, Miss., who testified that his hand drove the lethal ice-pick like instrument into Sanders' body, asserted that "there is one defendant who will confess before he dies that he was telling a lie on the witness stand."

He obviously referred to George Wingard of Columbia, whose testimony differed from the others in that he said both Woods and Roy Suttles of Simpsonville stabbed Sanders. The others blamed Woods for the death blow.

Suttles asked, "do we have to stay in that darkened room?" apparently referring to his confinement in that section of the penitentiary where prison officials testified light was provided at intervals during the day.

The comments were ignored by Judge Featherstone, who said in his parting remark, "I trust you will get forgiveness. The thief on the Cross got forgiveness."

"Thank you," Blair and Suttles said in unison.

Besides Woods, Blair, Wingard and Suttles, the other condemned men are Clayton Grans of Rochester, N. Y., and Herbert Moorman of Detroit, Mich.

The verdict of guilty was returned Saturday afternoon but hearing the motions for a new trial and sentencing were deferred over the week-end. The trial started last Tuesday.

Testimony amounted to approximately 250,000 words, coming from 33 witnesses and examinations by nine attorneys.

The judge praised the court-appointed defense attorneys "for not going about this case in a perfunctory manner."

"You represented men who admitted on the witness stand that they were guilty," Judge Featherstone said, adding that the sextet were "prepared to take human life if necessary to carry out their scheme and they did take human life."

In answer to motions for a new trial, the jurist said "I haven't the slightest doubt that these men have had a fair and impartial trial."

D. M. Winter, attorney for Woods and Suttles, said tonight "some effort is being made to raise" funds with which to appeal the case of "some of the defendants." He said he had not decided whether he would appeal for his clients.

Clinton Man Loses Brother

Friends of B. L. King, of this city, will sympathize with him in the death of his brother William Govan King, 83, one of the oldest residents of Manning, which occurred Sunday afternoon at his home after an illness of several years.

Funeral services were held in Manning Monday afternoon conducted by the Rev. G. E. Parrott of the Methodist church.

Mr. King was born in Darlington county January 24, 1855, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman King. Fifty-seven years ago he was married to Miss Nancy Addie Campbell, also of Darlington county, who died May 12, 1935.

He moved to Clarendon county fifty-six years ago. Since then he had been a faithful member of the Manning Methodist church and for fifty years he served on the board of trustees. For thirty-eight years he was a cotton buyer in Manning having retired five years ago.

Surviving are a son, Dr. W. R. King; two grandsons, Lloyd and James King, of Manning; a brother, B. L. King of Clinton, and several nephews and nieces throughout the state.

Julia Hart of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. James McIntosh of Columbia, were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Sadler on Wednesday.