

MORGAN PUT OUT OF TVA

President Roosevelt Dismisses Chairman For Failure To Supply Facts. Long Court, Political Battle Now Predicted.

Washington, March 22.—President Roosevelt summarily dismissed Chairman Arthur E. Morgan of TVA from office today, precipitating what many believed would be a bitter controversy in the courts and in congress.

For Morgan, long engaged in a guerilla warfare with other directors of the public power agency, was ready to resist the chief executive's order, and critics of TVA at the Capitol were eager to bare the agency's innermost secrets in a congressional investigation.

Mr. Roosevelt elevated Vice-Chairman Harcourt A. Morgan to the chairmanship. He has aligned himself with Director David E. Lilienthal in opposing the policies of Chairman Morgan. Informed sources, it was said that the vacancy on the board might be filled tomorrow, possibly by the appointment of James L. Fly, now TVA's general counsel.

At any rate, congress will be officially notified of Chairman Morgan's removal tomorrow. Mr. Roosevelt said he would send a message embodying the record of his recent personal investigation of the TVA row and incorporating an opinion by Attorney General Cummings citing his authority for his action.

Even before receiving the message, however, legislators were quick to praise or blame the president tonight. Senator Bridges, Republican, of New Hampshire, said the dismissal was an act of "the typical deflator," while Speaker Bankhead declared it was "thoroughly justified."

Almost simultaneously with the president's announcement, made at his regular press conference, the house dealt TVA a vigorous blow. By a vote of 186 to 157 it rejected an amendment to the TVA appropriation bill which would have provided \$2,613,000 for beginning construction of the Gilbertsville (Ky.) dam.

Behind Mr. Roosevelt's action of today lay the record of his personal investigation of TVA, in which Chairman Morgan refused to take more than a limited part on the ground that a congressional investigation was needed. Referring to these proceedings, the president, in a letter to Morgan, cited reasons for removing him as follows:

"Openly making grave and libelous charges of dishonesty and want of integrity against your fellow-directors without reasonable excuse or justification.

"Obstructing the work of the Tennessee Valley authority.

"Refusing to submit to the demand of your chief executive for facts upon which you relied in openly making grave and libelous charges of dishonesty and want of integrity against your fellow-directors and refusing to respond to questions of the chief executive relating to charges of obstruction made against you by your fellow-directors."

The president added: "I have taken note of the fact that you have not presented to me in person or in writing any reason why I should not remove you."

Mr. Roosevelt asked that this be done at the close of his hearings yesterday. Morgan, however, telling newsmen he had no idea of complying, left Washington for his home in Yellow Springs, Ohio, last night.

Morgan Chops Wood
Yellow Springs, Ohio, March 22.—A terse "well, that's that!" was Arthur E. Morgan's comment today on his removal as TVA chairman.

He indicated he would take no immediate steps to oppose the president's action.

"Only a few hours before, he had precipitated his removal by again bluntly defying President Roosevelt's authority to oust him.

Mr. Roosevelt had given Morgan until 2:30 p.m. today to state "any reason" why he should not be removed, and at that hour the raw-boned, six-foot engineer, 59 years old, was in his shirt sleeves, chopping trees at his home here.

"No action on my part is necessary," he said as the deadline passed. Puttering about his garden, he remarked to newsmen:

"I think I was guilty of contumacy before and I'm here to get the records." He declined to elaborate or disclose the nature of the records.

Morgan planned to leave for Chicago tonight on a business trip of an undisclosed nature.

Dr. Morgan, former president of Antioch college here, received a noisy reception when he returned today. Stacked on his old desk were telegrams urging him, he said, to "stick" to his guns.

"Without exception," commented Morgan, "the messages have been of a complimentary and congratulatory nature."

James M. Pitts Is Laid To Rest

Well Known Merchant Dies Suddenly In Spartanburg Hospital While Undergoing Operation. Large Crowd Attends Services At Church and Grave.

James Milton Pitts, 72, widely known Clinton merchant and citizen, who died suddenly in a Spartanburg hospital at noon last Thursday, was laid to rest in Rosemont cemetery Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock following funeral services held at North Broad Street Methodist church.

The services were conducted by his

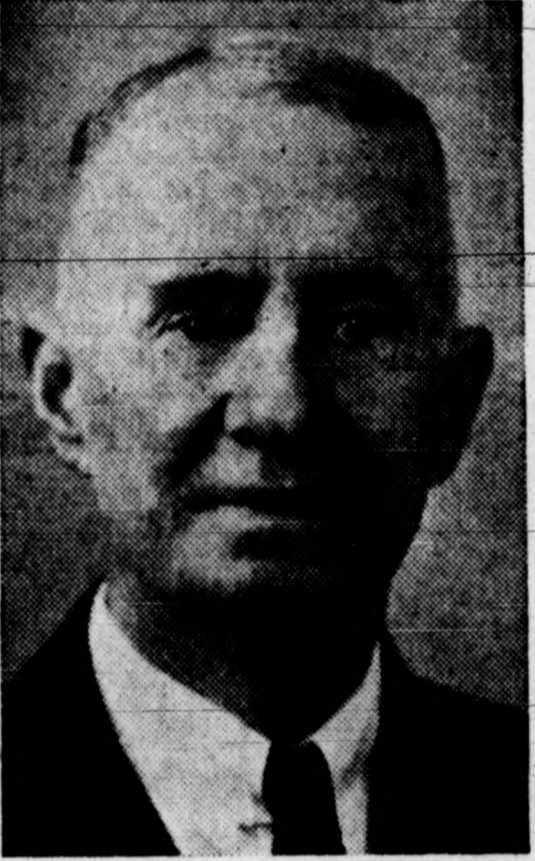


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JAMES MILTON PITTS

pastor, Dr. J. C. Roper, who was assisted by three former pastors of the deceased, Rev. W. A. Fairy of Chesnee, Rev. L. E. Wiggins of Greenwood, and Rev. H. O. Chambers of Clemson college. The four pastors spoke briefly of the warm friendship of Mr. Pitts, of his services and devotion to his church, family and friends, and of his fine qualities as a man.

The church auditorium, Sunday school department and balcony were filled to capacity by friends and acquaintances of his native home and other places. Business houses in the city closed for the services as a last mark of respect to one who had been closely identified with the business life of the community for a long period of years. The mass of beautiful floral offerings at the home, the church and the grave, bespoke the esteem in which he was held by a host of friends who joined with the family in mourning his death.

Active pallbearers were: R. G. Murphy, R. C. Adair, P. M. Pitts, J. H. Pitts, Jr., S. A. Pitts, Andy B. Young, F. C. Pinson and Joe Duncan of Decatur, Ala. The honorary escort consisted of the board of stewards and trustees of Broad Street Methodist church and other close friends of the family.

Clinton friends and relatives were shocked and saddened to learn Thursday at noon of the sudden death of Mr. Pitts in the General hospital in Spartanburg, while undergoing an operation. He had been a patient there a week preceding his passing.

Mr. Pitts was born near the present site of the State Training school on October 20, 1865. He was a son of R. Griffin Pitts and Martha H. Meadors Pitts, both of whom passed away in the summer of 1911. He was a grandson of Paschal M. Meadors and Sarah Meadors, one of the pioneer and beloved families of this section who died in 1873 and 1868, respectively.

In 1903 Mr. Pitts purchased the general mercantile business of N. A. Young and for the past 35 years had operated the business in the same location in the hotel block. He was one of the city's most successful merchants and business men, a man of sound judgment and an untiring worker. His interests in the city were varied.

Mr. Pitts was a Methodist by faith, and for 30 years had served Broad Street Methodist church as a steward and trustee. He gave liberally of his time and means to his church, was a regular and helpful attendant at its services, and always took an active interest in its work.

In the death of Mr. Pitts this community loses a citizen who has played for the past 40 years an unostentatious but forceful part in the religious, civic and business life of Clinton. His acquaintanceship was wide, his close friends were numerous. He was a man who had a positive genius for friendship. He was one who enjoyed life and valued the friendships he made. He loved his family, he loved his friends. In his home, in his church, at his place of business, and about the streets where he loved to mix and mingle with men—he will be sorely missed. Clinton in his passing loses a loyal and honored citizen who served

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Lehman Raps Taxing Policy

New York Governor Attacks Tax Bill and Sees End To States As Sovereigns.

Washington, March 21.—Governor Herbert H. Lehman of New York, whom Franklin D. Roosevelt once called "my strong right arm," charged today that "independent sovereignty of the states is threatened by federal taxing policies."

His charge was made in a letter to the senate finance committee, which is studying the house-approved tax revision bill preparatory to senate action upon it.

The New York governor said he spoke for all states in asking that the federal government agree to a 50 per cent credit on federal estate taxes "on account of death duties paid to the states and territories."

Lehman said the house bill's provision for a 16 1/2 per cent credit for taxes paid states was equivalent to saying states had only a one-sixth right to estate taxes.

The New Yorker was lieutenant governor of his state when Mr. Roosevelt, then governor, called him "my strong right arm." He differed publicly with the president last year over the Roosevelt court reorganization bill, calling it "a greatly dangerous precedent."

Spokesmen for a major segment of business and industry appeared in person before the senate committee today to urge that it take a chance on lowering tax rates in the hope of stimulating business and thus actually increasing government income.

"If you lose, you can't lose much," said Ellsworth C. Alvord, tax expert for the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. "If you win, your gains are enormous."

Alvord, one-time treasury official, contended that recent increases in federal taxes had scared money out of private investment channels, and into tax-exempt securities. He argued that substitution of a flat tax rate on corporate income for the present undistributed profits tax would turn loose a flood of investment funds whose owners now fear the future.

By questions, Chairman Harrison, Democrat, of Mississippi, of the committee indicated great interest in suggestions for a flat tax rate on incomes of corporations, in place of present graduated taxes, but he mentioned an 18 per cent tax instead of the maximum rate of 15 per cent suggested by the chamber spokesmen.

Harrison voiced opposition to adding processing taxes on farm products to the revenue bill.

Senator Pope, Democrat, of Idaho, has proposed "tariff equalization fees" on cotton, wheat, field corn, rice, tobacco and synthetic fibers.

The Idaho senator said in a statement that the proposed levies were needed to increase farm incomes, especially in the cotton belt.

Baptists To Meet In Laurens Today

The spring meeting of the Laurens County Baptist association will be held this morning at the First Baptist church of Laurens. The one-day session will be presided over by the association's moderator, Dr. A. B. Langston.

The program will open at 10:30 with devotional exercises led by the Rev. E. J. Ingle. The general theme will be "Financing the Kingdom," under two headings, "Spiritual Plan," by the Rev. J. H. Byrd; and "Man's Financial Obligation," by the Rev. W. N. Long of this city.

The Rev. J. L. Bobo will conduct devotionals at the opening of the afternoon session, beginning at 1:15. At 1:30 Dr. J. W. Beagle of the home mission board, Atlanta, will address the assembly, and at 2 o'clock the Rev. W. S. Brooke, of Columbia, will speak. A number of Clinton people will attend the meeting.

Hudson Named College Orator

Dugald Hudson, of Greenville, a sophomore at Presbyterian college, has been selected to represent the college at the South Carolina oratorical contest which will be held at The Citadel, Charleston, on the evening of April 1st.

Mr. Hudson is a member of the debating team and has had considerable experience in public speaking at several forensic tournaments during the past two years.

CROMER AGAINST RAISE

In the balloting in the senate last week on the measure to increase the pensions of judges from one-half of their salaries to two-thirds, Senator C. A. Cromer of Laurens county was among the majority that voted against the measure, according to a report in The State.

Highway Survey To Be Continued

Traffic Count In State and County Is Planned for Second Year. Automatic Counters Be Used.

Although the Highway Planning Survey's extensive traffic count carried on at various points in Laurens county and South Carolina has completed its first-year period, the state highway department has decided to continue the count throughout another year.

The men who do the counting will again tabulate the traffic at 108 "key" stations (so named because they are at intersections of "key" roads). The schedule has been so arranged that, during the year which the "key" count covers, traffic will be counted twice for every week-day and Sunday. The counting of night traffic, however, will be discontinued.

Automatic photo-electric counters, originally placed on certain important roads throughout the state to make continuous 24-hour counts, have been moved to other roads to get a picture of traffic there.

The traffic count on rural roads is now being expanded by data gathered at representative stations all over the state. This control count will be conducted until November.

The purpose of all of these traffic counts is to compute the actual vehicle miles on every road in Laurens county and South Carolina. By making such a complete count as it does, and by making other fact-finding studies, the state-wide Highway Planning Survey is getting information by which the road systems may be planned from 20 to 50 years in advance.

Church Women To Meet In Greenwood

Annual Meeting of Woman's Auxiliary of South Carolina Presbytery Be Held Tuesday.

The annual meeting of the South Carolina presbytery will be held next Tuesday, March 29, at the First Presbyterian church in Greenwood, beginning with a session at 10 a.m., and concluding with devotional services at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Dr. H. Kerr Taylor, Nashville, Tennessee, educational secretary of foreign missions of the Presbyterian church, U. S., will be the principal speaker. He will bring a missionary address during the morning session. Miss Janie McLaughlin, of Atlanta, Ga., director of spiritual development in women's work of the church, will conduct Bible study hours in both the morning and afternoon gatherings.

Other features of the day's meeting includes an address by Mrs. Carl Bramlett, Laurens, synodical president; installation of officers by Dr. Roswell C. Long, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Greenwood; and closing devotional exercises by the Rev. E. P. Moye, pastor of Watts Mill Presbyterian church.

Mrs. C. A. Calcote, Newberry, president of the presbytery, will preside at the meeting. The executive board of the presbytery will meet at 9 o'clock on the morning of the 29th at the Greenwood church.

The South Carolina presbytery comprises all Presbyterian auxiliaries of Abbeville, Laurens, Greenwood, and Newberry counties.

Officers of the organization are: Mrs. C. A. Calcote, Newberry, president; Mrs. H. W. Kiser, Laurens, vice-president; Mrs. A. T. Neely, corresponding secretary; Mrs. R. C. Adair, Clinton, recording secretary; Miss Fannie McCaughin, Newberry, treasurer; Mrs. J. D. Denny, Cross Hill, historian.

Trustee Vacancy Not Yet Filled

The recent death of W. E. Dillard, of this city, created a vacancy in the board of school trustees of Hunter district No. 5. Under the present law the vacancy will be filled by appointment by the county board of education for the unexpired term. No announcement has been made by that body as regards the appointment.

Members of the board are R. E. Babb, Rev. J. A. Martin, C. K. Wright and J. Leroy Burns, all of Laurens, and R. E. Sadler of this city.

Members of the local board since Mr. Dillard's death are W. C. Oxley, chairman, C. N. Mauney, E. D. Craig and George W. Holman. Their term of office will expire next year.

Farmers To Be Kiwanis Guests

Tonight will be observed by the local Kiwanis club as "farmers night," following its annual custom. Invitations to forty farmers in the community have been extended, with an out-of-town speaker invited to address the guests on problems pertaining to agriculture.

Books Favored Above Schools

State Obligation Ends With the Three Rs, Editor W. W. Ball Tells Library Convention.

Charleston, March 19.—South Carolina would educate its citizens better by spending less money on schools and more on books, W. W. Ball, editor of The News and Courier, told members of the South Carolina Library association last night at a banquet at the Fort Sumter hotel.

Approximately 200 members and guests of the association attended the opening session of the seventeenth annual convention yesterday afternoon in the green room of the Dock Street theater.

Mr. Ball in his address at the banquet said the obligation of the state ends when it has taught its people to "read, write and cipher with a little fluency."

The primary obligation of the state is to insure literacy because the instrumentality of the state is the written or printed ballot, he said. Exactly how far the state should go in education is not for the uninformed person to say, but the state now is trying to carry an educational system "far beyond its financial resources."

"Once a youth is literate, his eyes opened, nothing can prevent him from going as far as he wishes in education," Mr. Ball said. "The fact is that the public does not differentiate between education and literacy. There is possibly less real education in South Carolina among the white people in this day than there was thirty-five or forty years ago when at least 25 per cent of the white people could not read or write."

"The state teams with men and women who have won 'dips' in the various colleges but it is doubtful if the percentage among them of educated people is comparable with holders of diplomas thirty-five or forty years ago."

Mr. Ball cited Benjamin Franklin, Ben Tillman and others who, with ability to read and with access to books, educated themselves. Those who can afford higher education are fortunate but there is no obligation of the state to furnish it free, even if it had the money.

"The whole education system of the United States is opposed to the European idea, which is selective," Mr. Ball said. "Ours is mass."

"If the state of South Carolina would turn about face on its policy of free education in high schools and colleges and spend a large portion of the money thus released in distribution of books, the probable result in a few years would be more genuine education than exists now."

"Instead of flinging children at books it were better to fling books at children—and fling them at adults, too."

Big Increase In Cotton Ginnings

Census figures show 30,830 bales of cotton ginned and to be ginned in Laurens county from the crop of 1937 through March 1st, according to Marvin W. Sanders, special agent of the bureau of the census.

This was an increase of 9,051 bales over ginnings for the same period last year, the report at that time showing 21,779 bales had been ginned in the county.

Presiding Elder Coming Sunday

Rev. W. B. Garrett, presiding elder of the Greenwood district, will preach at Broad Street Methodist church at 7:30 on Sunday evening, March 27.

Immediately after the sermon the second quarterly conference will be held. All stewards, trustees, and other officials of the church are expected to be present. The entire church membership is invited.

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HOUSE KILLS PENSION PLAN

Proposal To Hitch Farmer Pensions To Teacher Retirement Plan Meets Defeat. Association President Irks Senators.

Columbia, March 22.—Hundreds of school teachers jammed legislative chambers today to see the house of representatives reject a proposal to hitch farmer pensions to the teacher retirement plan and to hear senators attack Education Association President Brockman for his opposition to a state-supported nine-month school term.

By 67 to 29 the house tabled the amendment by Representatives McKay of Florence, Winchester Smith of Barnwell, and Reynolds of Oconee, which would have provided a \$300 annual pension for 60-year-old farmers after 30 years work.

The vote came after a talk to the house by M. E. Brockman, president of the teachers' association, and after Representative McFadden of Clarendon, said:

"I think if you are successful in voting down the amendments, the bill will pass."

He termed the farmer pension amendment "so absurd as to make this bill inapplicable to the purposes for which it was drafted." A vote for the amendment would be "the worst vote ever cast for the farming interests of South Carolina," McFadden asserted.

Brockman thanked the house on behalf of the 9,614 teachers of the South Carolina Education association for what you have done for us.

"A few years ago there wasn't the same feeling existing between the teachers and the general assembly as today," he said.

Brockman was scheduled to speak to a joint assembly of the house and senate, but when the teachers recessed their convention session to visit the legislative chambers, all available seats and standing room were taken so that there was no room to receive the senators in the house chamber.

The senate was also flooded by visiting school mums when Senator R. M. Jefferies, chairman of the education committee, arose with the assertion that he was "not willing to ignore certain criticisms of members of the general assembly" in Brockman's annual address to the education association yesterday.

Jefferies found it "very regrettable to me" that Brockman opposed the effort to provide a state-supported nine-month school term.

"I can't believe his speech reflected the feelings of the majority of the teachers. Why is there any objection to the school system of the state being on a budget plan like any other department of the state government?" Jefferies asked.

He said he felt the teachers favored a nine-month school term and payment of their salaries by the state from indirect taxes.

Laney, of Chesterfield, supplemented Jefferies' remarks with the observation that teachers are "no longer dependent on the property tax for their salary. The burden is too heavy on property and we have got to get away from that tax on property and relieve the bended back of the property owner."

He said Brockman's remarks were well-intended but that "he's wrong."

Leppard, of Greenville, reiterated his charge that schools frequently were made a "political football," as he defended Brockman's view.

Until Leppard said, "we stop playing politics, I sort of agree with Mr. Brockman" that some degree of local authority be left to the schools.

Senator Harman, of Lexington, a member of the education association, said he did not "feel that Mr. Brockman expressed the sentiments of all the members of the education association." He added that he felt the new association president, Edward W. Rushton, of Batesburg, would take a different attitude.

Williams, of Aiken, held that "standards" of the remote rural schools could be raised by state legislation and this, he asserted, "is what the state of South Carolina has been doing."

Williams said he was sure Brockman would be "in the thick of the fight" to raise education standards in the state.

The senate refused to concur in house amendments to the resolution by Senator Stukes, of Clarendon, asking the highway department to refrain from enforcing the 20,000-pound 90-inch truck limitation law pending passage of a bill for higher limits.

The house sought to specify lack of enforcement only on trucks under 30,000 pounds and 90 inches.

Ordered ratified by the senate were bills to validate reimbursement bonds issued by counties for financing agreements entered into previously with the highway department; direct

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