

EUROPE MOVES FOR NEW SETUP

France Plans To Angle For Italian Pact. Diplomats Believe Mussolini Not Taking Any Chances On Break.

Rome, April 19.—Diplomatic moves in Rome today foreshadowed a new European setup.

On the heels of the Italian-British friendship accord of Saturday, Italy and France agreed to start negotiations to reestablish their traditional friendship, shattered by the Ethiopian war.

At the same time, responsible diplomatic sources said, Italy was sounding out Yugoslavia on a military alliance to make safe the Adriatic, an Italian-Yugoslav sea.

The two steps were seen as an attempt by Premier Mussolini to make Italy less dependent on his working agreement with Reichsfuehrer Hitler.

Officials asserted the Italian-German alliance was as strong as ever and would remain the keystone of Italy's foreign policy, no matter what other friendships were formed.

Diplomatic quarters felt that the goal of Il Duce's present diplomacy was a five-power pact among Italy, Germany, Britain, France and Poland as an adjunct to the Rome-Berlin agreement—and as a shock absorber if at some future time that agreement should break.

The suggested alliance with Yugoslavia, across the Adriatic from Italy's eastern coast, would be a long-range safety measure designed to stop any German move to regain the Adriatic ports once held by Austria.

It was doubted that Italy would display much solidarity with Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia's associate along with Rumania in the Little Entente, in view of Mussolini's continuing tie-up with Hitler.

French, opening conversations on proposed resumption of an exchange of ambassadors with Italy, sought Italian concessions, particularly regarding Tunisia, French North African protectorate adjoining Italian Libya.

They also sought a friendship accord similar to the Italian-British agreement as the price for recognition of Ethiopia.

France was eager to keep Italy out of the Balearic islands, and was interested in withdrawal of Italian troops from Libya. (Italy promised Britain she would evacuate the Balearics when the Spanish war was ended).

Since late in 1936 France has not had an ambassador in Rome, refusing to send an envoy accredited to the king of Italy as emperor of Ethiopia.

Horace McSwain Dies At His Home

Well Known Cross Hill Citizen Passes After Long Illness. Funeral Sunday.

Cross Hill, April 16.—Horace McSwain, widely known farmer of Cross Hill and outstanding citizen of his community, died at his home, at 11:50 o'clock Friday night. Mr. McSwain had been in declining health for the past nine years, and while his death was not unexpected, it will cause widespread sorrow among his many friends.

Mr. McSwain was the son of the late Dr. E. S. McSwain and Mrs. Janie McGowan McSwain, members of families long prominent in the Cross section. He passed his 58th birthday on October 25, was a life long resident of Cross Hill, and was engaged in farming until the time of his death.

With a wide personal popularity, his many talents and energies were directed in every civic activity, by an unselfish conception of service to his community. He was chairman of the school board, and it was through his efforts that the schools were consolidated.

In addition to his widow, who was Miss Lena Madden of Cross Hill, he is survived by two daughters: Mrs. James Coleman, and Miss Mary Jane McSwain, Cross Hill; three sons, Horace L. McSwain, Jr., Warm Springs, Ga.; Charles McSwain, Cross Hill; John B. McSwain, San Diego, Cal.; one sister, Mrs. Mamie Galphin, Ninety-Six; two brothers, C. W. McSwain, Raleigh, N. C., and S. F. McSwain, Washington. The late Congressman, John J. McSwain was also a brother.

Funeral services were held from the residence Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the Rev. J. H. Byrd officiating, assisted by the Rev. D. W. Keller and the Rev. Fred T. McGill. Interment followed in Liberty Spring cemetery.

RETURNS TO HER WORK
Friends of Mrs. Marshall W. Brown will be glad to know she returned Monday to her work as college registrar after an illness of several weeks at her home.

Jones Talks Of Nation's Need

RFC Head Says Confident Action Will Help End Current Business Recession.

Washington, April 18.—Jesse Jones, chairman of the Reconstruction Finance corporation, declared tonight that confident action to solve recession problems would bring better business.

"So much has been said about fear," Jones asserted in a radio address in the Washington Star forum, "that we have all become imbued with the idea that something is wrong with the country, when as a matter of fact, we have never had a greater abundance of everything needed for a really high standard of living than we have now."

"The basis of prosperity is confidence. We must have confidence in our country and confidence in our government, and if we demonstrate that confidence by action, better business will follow."

Jones explained the RFC's new \$1,500,000,000 program of loans to combat the depression and appealed for the cooperation of banks in granting loans to deserving business.

Congress recently amended the RFC act authorizing public works loans to public bodies and political subdivisions, and long-time credit to industry for such purposes as plant construction and new equipment.

Jones said: "The objective of the law is to aid business through increasing employment, and our loans will be made with that in view. The law requires that loans must be secured, but may be upon such terms and conditions and for such length of time as, in the opinion of our board of directors, are appropriate to the particular application."

"While our purpose will be to make business and industrial loans that will maintain or create work, we will not feel authorized to make such loans unless in our opinion the borrower will be able to pay the money back. Too much debt and inflation of values were the principal causes of the 1929 collapse, and prudent borrowing is just as essential as prudent lending. It does no good to lend a man, or a business money, which he will lose. It merely postpones the inevitable readjustment of his affairs. This does not mean that we are not making every effort to lend to deserving borrowers, particularly where employment will be maintained or increased. We try to find a way to authorize every such loan for which we have an application."

Major Harding To Leave Clinton

Major Floyd C. Harding, professor of military science and tactics at Presbyterian college, will not return to this post next year, according to a recent government order. The Major will be transferred to Fort Hays, Columbus, Ohio, where he will see duty with the quartermaster's corps.

While no official announcement has been made, in all probability Major Alexander H. Cummings, assistant professor in this department, will succeed Major Harding.

Nixon Is Named Grid Assistant

Walter A. Johnson, director of athletics at Presbyterian college, announced yesterday that Jack Nixon, guard on the Georgia Tech football team the past two seasons, will serve as assistant coach at Presbyterian beginning next fall. Nixon is a resident of Augusta, Ga., and will be graduated in June from the Atlanta institution.

State Baseball Race

At the end of the past week the University of South Carolina stood at the top in the intercollegiate baseball league. The standing through Saturday follows:

	W	L	Pct.
Carolina	5	1	.833
Clemson	4	2	.667
Furman	2	1	.667
Wofford	3	3	.500
Presbyterian	2	3	.400
Erskine	2	3	.400
Newberry	2	4	.333
The Citadel	1	3	.250

MENU FOR REMAINDER OF WEEK
Thursday
Wofford at Davidson.
Friday
Clemson at P. C.
Erskine at Newberry.
Carolina at Georgia Tech.
Saturday
Wofford at P. C. (2 P. M.)
Carolina at Georgia Tech.

STATE'S DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL MACHINE BEGINS ROLLING SOON

Columbia, April 16.—South Carolina's Democratic party machinery which will steer this summer's campaign to an August climax with election of a governor, United States senator and representatives, and state officers, will officially begin operation April 23, it was announced by Lane L. Bonner, secretary of the state's Democratic party.

Bonner said county Democratic clubs will elect representatives on that date to the county conventions which will be held May 7.

The clubs will be allowed one delegate for each twenty-five members. At the county conventions, delegates to the state convention scheduled for May 18 will be elected. The number allowed at the statewide meeting is twice the number of legislators each county has in the general assembly.

Bonner said new enrollment books, which are supplied every four years, as required, are ready for distribution. The books open June 7 and close July 26.

Immediately following the state convention, Bonner said, the executive committee will fix the various fees for state offices, also the itinerary and closing date for announcement of candidates.

South Carolina's first primary will

be held August 20. The second primary will come two weeks later.

In following a set itinerary during the campaign, the candidates will conform to a forty-three-year-old custom unique in that South Carolina is the lone state to have a method of forcing all statewide candidates to appear on the same platform the same day and offer themselves for election.

Bonner expressed the belief that the forthcoming convention would not discontinue this custom, despite some opposition voiced to it.

South Carolina must elect a governor. Indications are that seven or eight men will be in the race, although only three have definitely announced. Those who have announced are Wyndham Manning, Sumter; Cole L. Blease, Columbia, and H. C. Godfrey, Columbia.

Governor Olin D. Johnston is believed to be eyeing the place held by United States Senator E. D. (Cotton Ed) Smith, to which the veteran senator will seek reelection.

Six congressmen, one-half the state senate, all the state representatives, a lieutenant governor and all state officers must go before the people for election.

It is expected the forthcoming campaign will be the liveliest in years.

Baptists To Hold Meet In Laurens

Associational Sunday School Convention Plans One-Day Program For May 5th.

The Laurens Associated Sunday School convention will meet with Lucas Avenue Baptist church in Laurens, on Thursday, May 5th. All Sunday schools in the association are urged to send full delegations.

The theme announced for the convention is "Kingdom Service."

The following program will be presented:

10:00—Devotional service. Pastor E. J. Ingles.

10:20—Enrollment and receiving reports.

10:30—Sunday School as a means of growing in Christian Service. Dr. A. P. Langston, Rev. V. A. Dean.

11:10—To lead others to a knowledge of Christ and His word the true motive of enlistment. Mr. Boyd Horton, Rev. J. H. Holcombe.

11:50—Efficient officers trained for service a great need in our schools. Rev. W. N. Long, C. A. Power.

12:30—Lunch hour.

1:30—Devotional. Rev. J. A. Martin.

1:50—A consecrated teaching force prepared for orthodox leadership is imperative. B. Y. Cubertson, C. K. Wright.

2:30—Bible Schools as a field for greater knowledge and better service. Rev. E. L. Wood, J. D. W. Watts.

3:10—Secretary's report and election of officers.

3:30—Adjournment.

All delegates and visitors are requested to carry lunch.

County Assessors' Boards Named

Announcement has been made from Columbia of the appointment by the governor of the township assessors' boards of Laurens county, as follows, the first named being the chairman of each board:

Laurens city: J. W. Thompson, E. O. Anderson, R. A. Babb; Laurens township, B. B. Blakely, J. W. Tinsley and S. R. Sloan.

Clinton: R. L. Plaxico, W. H. Simpson, W. D. Copeland; Hunter township, Jack H. Davis, Sr., G. F. Buford and W. H. Milam.

Cross Hill: S. M. Leaman, John F. Griffin and J. T. Hollingsworth.

Waterloo: W. E. Washington, Troy F. F. Moore, and W. B. Sims.

Sullivan: Thomas T. Wood, W. I. Freeman and J. M. Summerell.

Dials: John H. Wolff, W. B. Brooks and J. W. Curry.

Jacks: Don Copeland, W. J. Henry and Raymond Dean.

Scuffletown: O. L. Hunter, G. W. Cunningham and W. D. Glenn.

The equalization group has received assessment sheets from the auditor's office and entered upon their work.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN TO MEET TONIGHT

The April meeting of the Men-of-the-Church of the First Presbyterian church will be held this evening at 7:30 in the Sunday school department of the church. The usual supper will be served by one of the church circles, after which an interesting program will be presented. All officers and members of the organization are invited to be present.

Press Meet Here Largely Attended

Two-Day Session of High School Convention Ends. Several Noted Speakers Heard.

Friday night in the Presbyterian college dining hall the South Carolina Scholastic Press association closed its third annual convention with the presentation of official awards to the leading high school newspapers represented in its membership.

The convention, which opened Wednesday afternoon with the registration of numerous school delegations, was officially closed by Professor Grant M. Hyde, director of the school of journalism, University of Wisconsin. He was preceded by Joseph M. Murphy, director of the world's largest scholastic press association, the C. S. P. A. Other speakers during the convention included W. M. Kempton of the University of Georgia; W. Spearman, of the University of North Carolina; Raymond B. Nixon of Emory university; Sam C. DePass, of the University of South Carolina, and R. A. Nehls, of Howard college.

Highlights of the convention included a Quill and Scroll banquet on Thursday evening, followed by a reception in the Clinton high school auditorium. Friday evening the final banquet was followed by a dance in Copeland hall.

Presbyterian college was represented at the convention by Dean Marshall W. Brown, official host of the college; L. G. Heckle, of The Blue Stocking, which acted as joint sponsor with the Clinton high school paper, The Sentinel; Hugh Holman, director of public relations, who addressed one of the sectional meetings, and C. B. Holcombe, who welcomed the convention for the student body. Members of The Blue Stocking staff acted as guides to the visitors and convention leaders.

Officials of the convention, through Fred C. Kendrick, director, expressed their appreciation for the interest which Presbyterian college showed in the convention this year. In token of this appreciation, Dean Brown and Business Manager J. H. Hunter were presented gifts at the final banquet.

Next year the fourth convention will convene in Columbia as guests of the Columbia high school. Dr. J. Rion McKissick of the University of South Carolina will act as one of the official hosts.

Three hundred and forty-nine official delegates were registered during the first day of the convention. Twenty-three of these were out-of-town speakers. Five heads of departments of journalism were present and two deans of colleges spoke. Thirty-five school from all over South Carolina spent delegates to the meeting. There were speakers from seven different states.

Pioneer Conclave Here On Friday

A Pioneer Conclave, the first of its kind held in this state, will be held for all Presbyterian Intermediates in South Carolina presbytery at the First Presbyterian church of this city tomorrow from 4 to 7 p.m. The purpose of the conclave is to find and fit a program adequate to the intermediate age and to organize this age for effective future development in the full work of the church of which these young people are members. The ages of eligibles is 12 to 15.

The program will be in charge of the young people's council of which Miss Dorothy Simpson, of Whitmire, is president.

Dr. Roswell C. Long of Greenwood, chairman of the presbytery's religious education committee, will present the conclave idea and purpose. The theme will be, "Christ of the Upward Way," and addresses will be heard from several members of the council. The intermediates of Thornwell orphanage are invited guests of the conclave.

DRIVE CAREFULLY SAVE A LIFE!
So Far This Year There Have Been

3 FATALITIES from AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS in LAURENS COUNTY
Let's Strive To Make 1938 a Safe Year On the Highways.
This date last year, 6.

F. D. R. MOVES TO SPEED PRIMING

President To Push Recovery Plan and Expects Congress To Vote Funds. Legislative Fight To Start.

Washington, April 19.— President Roosevelt, apparently highly confident congress would approve his new recovery program, said today he expected to devote most of the next fortnight to preparations for getting the campaign started quickly when the appropriations are granted.

In jocular mood, he advised reporters at his semi-weekly press conference not to be surprised if the next two weeks saw a long string of people going in and out of his office. He intends to confer, he said, with Harry Hopkins, director of WPA; officials of the National Youth administration, the Civilian Conservation corps, and others both in and out of official life.

The president's program calls for \$4,500,000,000 to be expended or lent for work relief, public works, flood control, highways and the like, or advanced to business enterprises which need capital for job-creating expansion.

Two minor features of Mr. Roosevelt's proposals received favorable congressional action today, the house approving an appropriation of \$100,000,000 for road construction and the senate \$50,000,000 for the CCC. Both items were in addition to regular budget proposals. The CCC appropriation now goes to the White House, while the roads bill goes to the senate.

The house appropriations committee made ready, meanwhile, to begin hearings on major parts of the program, behind closed doors. Hopkins was called as the first witness.

Representative Taber, Republican, of New York, ranking Republican member of the appropriations committee, estimated that the program would result in a \$12,500,000,000 budget next year, an \$8,000,000,000 deficit, and "inflation—nothing else."

Chairman Glass, Democrat, Virginia, of the senate appropriations committee, announced he would support Mr. Roosevelt's request for \$1,250,000,000 for relief, but not an additional proposal for \$1,000,000,000 for public works.

Public works were provided for, he maintained, by a recently enacted bill, of which he was the author, for loans by the Reconstruction Finance corporation.

Representative Bacon, Republican, New York, drafted a bill to return the relief problem to the state, a proposal which would drastically alter the president's program.

However, labor's non-partisan league, linked with the C. I. O., threw its strength behind the president's program. It issued a statement saying "every American worker should write, wire, telephone, or call upon his congressman and senator, insisting that the president's proposal be enacted into law quickly and without crippling amendments."

Joanna Wins Opening Game

Mid-State League Opens Season With Large Crowds. Eight Textile Teams In Circuit.

The Mid-State Textile league, off Saturday for the 1938 race, saw big scores predominate through the circuit.

The Joanna team, again headed by Bruce Galloway as manager, celebrated the opening with a victory over Buffalo by the count of 4 to 1. Hair and B. Brown made the battery for the Goldville team; Putman and Walker for Buffalo.

The eight-team loop is composed of Winstboro, Union, Monarch, Lockhart, Mollohon, Newberry, Joanna and Buffalo.

Democratic Clubs Meet Saturday

The Democratic clubs of the county are due to meet Saturday, for the first time during the week of April 8-23, to organize for this summer's primaries to be held in August and to elect delegates to the county convention to meet in Laurens on the first Monday in May at 11:00 o'clock. It has been the custom in the past for most of the clubs to meet on Saturday, the hour usually being 3:00 p. m. Those who have been meeting at other hours will follow the custom established in the past, County Chairman Ralph T. Wilson, states.

The state convention will be held in Columbia on the third Wednesday in May. Eight delegates, or double the number of the county's representation in the general assembly, will be elected from this county for that convention.