

SOLONS WORK TO GET HOME

Congress Trying To Finish Job By July Since Primaries In Number of States Loom Ahead. President Has Raised No Objection.

Washington, May 10.—Administration leaders in congress, keenly aware that the political calendars for July and August are studded with primary elections, are trying to mop up remaining legislation and adjourn before July 1.

There are signs that the president, back from his southern fishing cruise, has given his approval or, at least, has raised no objections to the restricted program his legislative lieutenants think it possible to put through in the next four to six weeks.

Observers attach significance to the rush with which Democratic leaders went at the major item before them, the lending-spending-job-making program. General debate in the house on the bill started amid predictions that it would be sent to the senate before the week-end, probably by Thursday.

The fact that Mr. Roosevelt has accepted the committee-drawn bill, framed to route funds direct to spending agencies like WPA and PWA, aroused special interest. The committee bill scraps the previous practice of giving funds to the president in a lump sum and letting him allot the money to the agencies.

A proviso reserving to the president a veto power over any project was inserted in the committee bill after recent White House discussions, but this was, the only change made as a result of those discussions.

There is little doubt among observers familiar with the increasing urge upon representatives and senators to get through with the session and get busy in personal re-election campaigns that if the lending-spending bill goes through this week on the predicted schedule, it will be a powerful lever for quick adjournment.

Senator Harrison, of Mississippi, warned legislators recently that if the wage-hour bill came back to the senate without geographical differentials demanded by Southern interests, congress would still be in session in August. Observers regarded this as an effort to force a compromise in the house on the point and enable the senate to concur and send the bill to the president without the usual conference committee delay.

The primary elections slated for July and August furnish the answer to the effort to close up in congress by or before July 1. Such states as Oklahoma, Montana, Texas, West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, California, Idaho, Virginia, Tennessee, Arkansas, Wyoming, Mississippi and South Carolina fight out their party battles during those two months. Every Tuesday in July, August and September will see from one to half a dozen primary elections.

In view of that, there is a belief among observers that the White House has given its sanction to the effort to push through to adjournment by mid-June if possible, and certainly by July 1. If the wage-hour bill again bogs down in either house, however, the president's attitude might undergo a change.

Hutchinson Named First Honor Man

Roy Foskett Hutchinson of Lawrenceville, Ga., has been announced by Dean M. W. Brown of Presbyterian college, as valedictorian of the class of 1938. The salutatorian, second honor member of the class, is Cliff Hill McLeod of Ocala, Fla.

N. O. Creech of Moultrie, Ga., is third highest in the class in scholarship, and Clyde Conrad, a Thornwell orphanage boy, is fourth.

The graduating class composed of sixty-nine members, will receive their diplomas on the morning of May 30.

FELDER SMITH HEADS LAURENS ROTARIANS

Dr. Felder Smith of this city, optometrist, with offices in Clinton and Laurens, has been elected president of the Laurens Rotary club for the new year beginning July first. Other officers named to serve with him are: R. T. Wilson, vice-president; L. B. Blackwell, secretary-treasurer. These, with R. E. Babb, Chas. F. Fleming and W. P. Putnam, will compose the governing board.

CLOSING PROGRAM AT ORPHANAGE MONDAY

The Thornwell orphanage grammar grades will present their school closing program in the chapel on next Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend the entertainment.

Long To Head County Baptists

Pastor of First Baptist Church of This City Named President Sunday School Convention.

Laurens, May 7.—An extension program, as recommended by a special committee, was adopted at the annual meeting of the Laurens Association Sunday School convention at the Lucas Avenue Baptist church Thursday.

The convention, presided over by W. P. Culbertson, was well attended. An inspirational program was given under the general theme of "Kingdom Service."

The committee named to make nominations and recommendations on the proposal to fully organize the Sunday school forces of the county was composed of R. E. Thompson, the Rev. E. J. Ingle and the Rev. B. L. Wood.

The report as offered and accepted included the nomination of the Rev. W. N. Long of Clinton as president, with W. P. Culbertson of Cross Hill, as president emeritus. Mr. Culbertson has served as president since the reorganization of the convention 21 years ago, and has rarely ever missed a convention.

The vice-presidents named were the Rev. E. J. Ingle, and B. Y. Culbertson, with the re-election of J. Leroy Burns, secretary-treasurer.

As recommended associational department leaders were selected as follows:

Vacation Bible school, the Rev. B. L. Wood; education, the Rev. J. H. Byrd; adult, G. D. Wood; young people, the Rev. J. L. Bobo; intermediates, Miss Adrienne Stewart; juniors, Mrs. S. W. Sumerel; primary, Miss Cleo Tumbler; beginner, Miss Cleo Campbell and cradle roll, Miss Julia Martin.

Also adopted was a reorganization of the county district system with the Rev. Ralph Hughes as superintendent of the first district, which includes First Baptist church, Calvary and Lydia, all of Clinton; Mountville, Beaverdam, Bethabara, Cross Hill and Waterloo. Second district, Carl Bishop, superintendent; churches: Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Olive, Mt. Gallagher, Rabun Creek, Union, Poplar Springs, Henderson, Princeton, Third district, W. T. Owings, superintendent; churches: Gray Court, Friendship, Beulah, Durbin, Warrior Creek, Highland Home, Lanford, Bethany and Harmony. Fourth district, R. E. Thompson, superintendent; churches: First Laurens, Second Laurens, Lucas Avenue, Chestnut Ridge, New Prospect, Holly Grove, Langston and Bellview.

The 1939 convention will be held at the First Baptist church of Laurens.

Conference To Meet In Laurens

The Upper South Carolina Methodist conference will hold its annual meeting with the First Methodist church of Laurens this fall, the date of October 27th having been announced by the college of bishops at the closing session of the Birmingham meet.

Dr. Clare Purcell, an Alabama churchman, newly elected bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has been assigned to preside over the Laurens and Hartsville conferences in this state. He succeeds Bishop Paul B. Kern, who has been given another assignment.

Tribute Paid To Confederates

Clinton halted Tuesday morning to pay tribute to the soldiers who fought in the War Between the States at exercises held at the monument under the auspices of the local U. D. C. chapter.

The advanced grades of Florida street school and student body of the high school, assembled on the square where an appropriate program was presented, including band and glee club selections, and recitations. Later the procession marched to the cemetery where wreaths of flowers were placed upon the graves of the sleeping heroes.

Mother's Day Observed Here

Hundreds of Clintonians, old and young, joined Sunday in the celebration of Mother's day. In the churches and Sunday schools special exercises were held and song and sermon lifted motherhood next to godliness. Loved flowers, white for departed mothers, and red for the living, were worn by sons and daughters, while tokens of love were expressed through flowers, other gifts and cards of lovely sentiment.

TRUCK LIBERALIZATION PASSAGE TOPS ASSEMBLY'S WORK FOR YEAR

Hours of Labor and Tax Reductions Also Among Most Important Action of South Carolina Legislators. Appropriations Bill Totals \$12,562,413.

Columbia, May 8.—Liberalization of permissible truck sizes, limitation of hours of labor and tax reductions stood out today as major accomplishments of the general assembly session which closed at 1:45 a. m. Sunday.

Ranking with legislation passed as prominent work of the session was failure of repeated efforts to force reapportionment of the state gasoline tax to divert more of the revenue from the highway department to counties or for relief purposes.

The session's scorecard:

Enacted—The 40,000-pound truck bill, the \$12,562,413 general appropriation measure; elimination of the five-mill property tax for state purposes; a forty-hour, five-day week for textile employees; reduction of one mill of the corporation license tax; a referendum on the question of retiring judges on pensions.

Killed—Gasoline tax diversion; teacher retirement; tighter age requirements for marriage; air-conditioning for textile plants; an extra month of state school aid.

Ignored or left incomplete by adjournment—Changes in the state liquor law; establishment of a state police system; imposition of increased chain store taxes; biennial sessions of the general assembly.

They mark only the highlights of the sixty-nine day session in which more than 600 measures were enacted. The session was well under the record-length one of 1936.

Probably no legislative question in South Carolina in recent years has attracted the participation of interested citizens to the same extent as did the truck limitation measure. Halls of the state house were crowded with advocates of one side or the other almost every time the measure reached a critical stage in either house or before the governor.

The movement gained momentum midway the session when the United States supreme court upheld the law on the books at that time limiting trucks to 20,000 pounds in weight and ninety inches in width. The statute never had been enforced because of litigation.

Stiff fights were put up in both houses with members who said rail-

roads would be injured leading the opposition. High point of the legislative battle was the record twenty-hour continuous filibuster of Representative M. V. Horne, of Richland county, who sought unsuccessfully to block a vote on the measure in the house.

Considerable pressure from both sides was put on Governor Olin D. Johnston but he signed the act, making it law.

Adoption of the forty-hour textile week, which put South Carolina in a class by itself was an early accomplishment of the session. The assembly in 1935 enacted a forty-hour week for textile plants but made its effectiveness contingent upon similar action in North Carolina and Georgia.

A 1937 attempt to take the forty-hour step independently for South Carolina ended in an apparently hopeless deadlock in free conference committee when last year's session adjourned but this year the conferees reported the forty-hour bill, carrying a compromise feature that it would remain in effect only until May 1, 1939, unless the federal government had by that time enacted similar legislation.

Right at the close of the session came an act fixing a fifty-six hour work week for employees in mercantile establishments, public eating places, laundries, bakeries, mines and other businesses which carried varying provisions. Among the latter was one restricting female labor in garment factories to an eight-hour, five-day week with the same conditions as that applying to the forty-hour textile week.

The largest tax reduction voted was the elimination of the five-mill state property levy, an almost fixed item in the general appropriation bill for the last several years.

The reduction came only after a stiff fight and was accompanied by dire predictions of mountainous deficits in years to come. The corporation license tax was reduced by one mill without much fanfare. It was one of a series of demands made upon the legislature by a state-wide meeting of business men.

Approval of the referendum on the (Continued on page seven)

New Church To Be Dedicated Sunday

Combined Little River-Dominick Congregations Plan Special Exercises, With Public Invited.

The new building of the Little River-Dominick Presbyterian church will be dedicated with the opening services of the combined congregation on Sunday, May 15.

Services will begin at 11:15 a. m. with the opening sermon by the pastor, Rev. C. J. Matthews. Basket dinner will be served at 12:45 on the lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Todd, near the church.

Dedication services will begin at 2:30 p. m. Rev. C. A. Calote, chairman of home missions of South Carolina presbytery, and pastor of Aveligh Presbyterian church, Newberry, will preach the dedicatory sermon. Others expected to take part on the program include Dr. D. J. Woods, Clinton; Rev. E. S. Jones, Goldville; J. N. Beard and J. V. Clary, both of Newberry.

The general public is invited to attend and bring basket lunch. In the future services will be held in the new church each Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Lawmakers Get Their Extra Pay

Columbia, May 7.—"Extra pay"—a heatedly debated subject for this session—was a reality for legislators Saturday night.

Warrants for \$290 were handed the members by House Clerk James E. Hunter, Jr., only a few hours after Governor Olin D. Johnston signed the deficiency appropriation bill of which the added compensation was a part.

Last year the members voted themselves \$300 in addition to the \$10 a day provided for a forty-day session. This year, however, the lawmakers enacted a permanent statute providing weekly roundtrip expenses of five cents a mile instead of one annual roundtrip expense.

The sum of \$49,590 was required to pay the 124 representatives, the forty-six senators, and lieutenant governor \$250 each.

Miss Marie Smith of Glenn Springs, was the guest the past week of Miss Sallie Wright and Mrs. Zee McLees.

City Enrollment Books Now Open

All Voters Must Appear In Person and Sign Club Rolls To Vote In Municipal Primary June 14.

Books of enrollment for the Clinton Municipal Democratic club are now open at the office of the secretary, J. J. Cornwell, to qualify voters for the city primary to be held on June 14th to nominate a mayor and six aldermen for a two year term.

According to a new ruling by the executive committee of the club, all voters must appear in person and sign the club roll in their respective wards. The practice of circulating the books by the ward enrollment committees as in the past, will not be allowed this year.

Books for all city residents in the six wards are now open at the Geo. A. Copeland & Son store where voters may enroll. Books for voters of the Clinton Cotton Mills community residents in wards five and six, are open at the Clinton Mercantile company.

The time limit for signing the books, and for entry of candidates, both for mayor and in the aldermanic races, will expire on June 3 at 6:00 p. m.

Qualification for membership in the club and for voting in any election or municipal primary election held by the club shall be as follows, as set forth in the constitution and by-laws of the club.

The applicant for membership, or voter, shall be twenty-one (21) years of age, or shall become so before the next succeeding general city election and be a white Democrat. He shall be a citizen of the United States, of the State of South Carolina, and of the Town of Clinton. (b) No person shall belong to this club or be entitled to vote in any municipal primary election held by this club unless he shall have been a resident of the State of South Carolina two (2) years and shall have been a resident of Laurens county six (6) months prior to the next succeeding general city election. (c) No person shall belong to this club or be entitled to vote in any municipal primary election held by this club unless he shall have been continuously and unbrokenly a resident of the Town of Clinton sixty (60) days prior to the first primary following his enrollment or his offer to enroll: Provided, That public school teachers and ministers of the gospel in charge of a regularly organized church shall be exempt from the provisions of this section, as to residence, if otherwise qualified. Section 2. No person shall be permitted to vote at any election held by this club unless he or she has been enrolled on the club list of members at least ten (10) days before the said election.

Blind Youth Given County Jury Post

With the approval of the court, Clerk John D. Davis on Monday appointed a blind young man to serve as "jury boy" for the May term of common pleas court in session this week with Judge C. C. Featherstone of Greenwood, presiding.

The innovation was prompted, Mr. Davis said, out of a desire to aid a needy blind person.

THREE NEW R. O. T. C. OFFICERS NAMED

Three junior R.O.T.C. officers have been added to the Presbyterian college military unit, according to an announcement recently made by Major Floyd C. Harding, professor of military science and tactics. The men added are L. S. Henderson of Clinton, W. W. Evans of Bennettsville, and D. M. Carson of Newnan, Ga. These men have been serving as members of the junior military unit without pay for the past seven months.

DRIVE CAREFULLY SAVE A LIFE!

So Far This Year There Have Been

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FATALITIES from AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS in LAURENS COUNTY

Let's Strive To Make 1938 a Safe Year On the Highways.

This date last year, 1.

WAGE FIGHT ON SPENDING RAID

Roosevelt Policy Assailed In House Debate and Labeled Shot In Arm." Democrats Claim Votes To Spare For Its Passage.

Washington, May 10.—House Republicans assembled in conference denounced the Roosevelt spending-lending program tonight as "another New Deal raid upon the treasury," destined to increase unemployment and produce a "cataclysmic inflation."

At the close of a day of bristling debate, in which minority members individually heaped criticism upon the program—while Democratic leaders confidently claimed "votes to spare" for its passage—a number of Republicans gathered to give their views the weight of official party approval.

"The entire program is based upon the exploded theory that a nation may spend its way to prosperity," said a statement they issued. "That delusion never has had a more extravagant trial than in the United States during the last five years."

"This trial has cost the taxpayers roundly \$40,000,000,000 and has led only to the sharpest and most sudden business depression in modern economic history—a depression which is experienced in no other principal nation of the world."

"The Roosevelt proposal simply is to start that whole disastrous cycle over again."

Earlier in the day the majority of the house appropriations committee had recommended the program as one which would provide employment "for some of the many millions who are unemployed and destitute or harassed by the spectres that haunt the doorstep of that too large, unfortunate group."

The majority estimated that the entire lending-spending program, parts of which have already been enacted, would provide funds sufficient to continue or create some 5,000,000 jobs.

On the house floor the Republican attack was led by Representative Taber of New York, who said the program was "an opiate designed to keep the people fooled until after the next election."

Representative Engel, Republican, whose prepared speech in the house was distributed to the press by the Republican national committee, predicted "national disaster." Conditions "may improve for a time, perhaps for a few months," he said, "but the final result will be financial and economic disaster."

Pending was a bill to appropriate \$3,000,000,000 for work relief and public works projects, an integral part of the \$4,500,000,000 lending-spending campaign against the depression recently recommended by the president.

Despite the vigorous Republican attack, none of its leaders would venture a prediction that the appropriations would be rejected. To be victorious, the Republicans had to attract to their side large numbers of Democrats. Democratic leaders asserted that wholesale Democratic desertions were lacking this time.

For the appropriations committee, Representative Woodrum, Democrat, Virginia, began the debate with an assertion that "this program is for the purpose of starting up again the wheels of industry."

The kind of business, he added, was "not kind words but customers." The program would provide customers, he argued, by increasing purchasing power.

When he argued that the program was comparable to giving business a "shot in the arm," Representative Snell, Republican, New York, interrupted.

"You really think this is only a shot in the arm, and will have no lasting benefit?" he asked.

"It will start the spiral on the upward trend again," Woodrum replied. "And if you start things going, it will be worth the cost."

Asking that congress repudiate the "role of rubber stamp," Taber asserted:

"I am appealing to the membership of the house to cast aside fear of political reprisals and do what I know the honest judgment of every member of the house calls for, try to meet this problem, repeal the national labor relations act, repeal the agricultural capacity act, and give our business people a chance to put people to work, have honest relief instead of promoting a tremendous building program as a racket."

WELDON IS WINNER

John W. Weldon, a freshman from Bishopville, was declared winner in the Presbyterian college declamation contest held recently. He received the college award given annually to the member of the freshman or sophomore class who is judged by the faculty to be the best declaimer.