

CIO ISSUE UP IN SENATE RACE

Senator Smith Welcomes Invasion of Oliver From Washington and Says Lewis Crowd Fights Him Because He Will Not Take Dictation.

Aiken, July 25.—Appearing in this thickly populated region the three candidates for the office of United States senator today spoke to an audience that packed the Aiken county courthouse. They continued verbal blasts at each other.

Senator E. D. Smith, the first to speak, began his address by reading a prepared statement, "declaring that both he and Senator James F. Byrnes each had an average of 75 per cent in voting on administration measures." Senator Smith praised Byrnes for his stand taken against some administration measures.

The fact that the Committee for Industrial Organization was sending a speaker (a Mr. Oliver by name) into South Carolina to try and tell the electorate to vote against him, Smith stated that he considered it an honor, because the Democrats would not take dictation from a group dominated by Negroes.

Referring to Governor Olin D. Johnston, Senator Smith stated "that the office of governor was an exalted office, but its occupant was not an exalted officer. As to Edgar Brown, the senator declared that Brown was trying to ride two horses at the same time in being a 100 per cent New Dealer and advocating his (Smith's) platform.

Brown followed Smith to the stand and announced that his friends in Aiken and Barnwell counties had just given him twelve bales of cotton which he said he would sell and use the proceeds to beat Smith in the election and that he is the "bad medicine" who will send Smith and Johnston back to their homes.

Brown accused Smith of ducking out of the committee rooms when the agricultural bill was written and said that he betrayed the farmers when he wrote into the bill the low subsidy and loans. Brown referred only briefly to Johnston, by calling him "Machine Gun Olin" and stated that if Johnston's war record had been as bad as his state record the country would be in a sorry mess. Brown also criticized Smith on his vote against the wages and hour bill.

Governor Johnston, who was the last speaker, "declared that his statement from Washington spoke for itself in telling who was the administration favorite."

He took the credit for the removal of the five mill state levy on property, when he vetoed the bill as passed and was sustained by the house. Johnston declared that "the anti-lynching bill was not an administration bill, and that Smith could not truthfully say that he voted against this bill because he was absent when the test vote was taken.

Johnston added that "Smith was dead politically and did not know it" and that "Satchel Edgar was still sick over the fact that he, Johnston, removed Highway Commissioner John P. Stevens from office.

Visiting Group To Lead Services

Services at the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning will be in charge of the young people's conference of the Christian church in this state being held this week at Presbyterian college for the second time.

Mrs. P. D. Snipes, returned missionary from Africa, will deliver an address at this hour. Music for the service will be furnished by the conference choir. The public is invited to attend the service.

E. R. Aycock Dies At Jonesville

News was received in the city yesterday of the death of E. R. Aycock at his home in Jonesville Tuesday night, following a period of declining health. Mr. Aycock for a number of years was superintendent of the Clinton school and, with his family, is pleasantly remembered here by a number of friends. The Aycocks left Clinton 23 years ago.

City Enrollment Stands At 1,376

Enrollment of the Clinton Democratic club reached 1,376 before the books closed Tuesday at 6 p. m., Secretary L. B. Dillard states. This is about the same city enrollment as two years ago at which time 992 votes were cast in the first primary.

John Spratt, Jr., is spending the week in Moptreat, N. C.

To Wage Fight On Unification

Laymen Gather in State Meet To Form Group To Fight Union of Methodists.

Columbia, July 24.—A South Carolina division of the Laymen's Organization for the Preservation of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was formed here Sunday at a meeting of approximately 300 persons who expressed opposition to unification with the Methodist Episcopal church and Methodist Protestant church.

Dr. S. J. Summers, of Cameron, was elected division president. B. H. Boyd, of Clinton, was named vice-president, and G. G. Pike, of Columbia, secretary-treasurer.

Adopted for submission to "every congregation in our state that prefers to remain in said church rather than to become a part of the proposed merger church" were resolutions expressing "determination to remain in and be a part of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South" calling upon "all our preachers . . . to join us in the maintenance" of the church; refusing to "assume any financial obligations other than for the support and continuation of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South" after the close of the church year; and refusing to "pay any part of the \$75,000 proposed to be raised by Southern Methodism to defray the expenses of holding the unifying conference."

It was also recommended "that the members of each congregation where the title to church property contains the usual trust clause, take steps to have the title transferred to three or five members of said congregation, to be held in trust by them for the use and benefit of the present and future membership."

T. Hicks Fort, Columbus, Ga., attorney, told the laymen that "the Southern church has stood more literally to its idealisms than our friends north of the Mason and Dixon line."

"All of the communism, socialism, originated north of the Mason and Dixon line. In the South we have the purest strain of Anglo-Saxon blood. We are practically 100 per cent real, true Americans."

He urged Methodists to withhold funds for the proposed unification.

B. W. Crouch, of Saluda, one of the South Carolina leaders opposing unification, asserted that "we who are here today are resolved that this church shall not die. We believe it can and will be saved . . ."

"We are told by some if we do not like the course our church is taking to 'get out.' We will not get out.

"No power on earth can force us into the united church if we do not want to go into it, and no power on earth can force us out of the M. E. Church, South, if we make up our minds to stay in it."

Leaders of the unification movement were criticized in a statement presented by the recommendations committee.

"Whether intentionally or unintentionally," the statement said, "it is a fact that little or no effort was made by the leaders of the unification movement to inform the membership of the church of what was involved in the plan.

"Many of the conference organs were closed to any discussion of the plan especially to articles in opposition to unification. Some pastors even refused the use of their churches to their own members in order that information regarding the plan of unification might be obtained.

"It has been the policy of the church leaders heretofore to take the members into their confidence, give them information on all important matters touching the welfare of the church.

"Yet when it came to the most momentous question that has ever confronted Southern Methodism, the policy was one of silence and avoidance."

The committee, of which Summers and Boyd were members, said "it is not our purpose to set up a 'new church' and expressed belief "that there is a widespread desire among members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in South Carolina and other Southern states . . . for the continuation and perpetuation of the said church, rather than to be merged in the proposed unified church."

"Are the will and wishes of over two and a half millions of the members to be entirely ignored?" the committee statement asked.

"Had a fair test of their will and wishes in regard to unification been obtained and a majority had indicated that they favored the plan of unification, then there would be no excuse for anyone to oppose the merging of the three branches of Methodism, as proposed.

SEES OVER 400,000 ON ROLLS

Lane L. Bonner, of Columbia, secretary of the state Democratic executive committee, believes the enrollment for the primary elections this year in South Carolina will run above 400,000.

Bearing On 1940 Seen In Kentucky

Barkley Has Been Mentioned As Presidential Candidate. Governor Chandler Has Hopes Too.

Louisville, Ky., July 23.—Kentucky's vote August 6 may have a decided influence on the 1940 presidential race.

Senator Alben Barkley, New Deal majority leader in the senate who carries President Roosevelt's political blessing in his campaign for re-nomination in next month's Democratic primary, has been prominently mentioned as the party's standard bearer in the next presidential contest.

His opponent, Governor A. B. (Happy) Chandler, also has presidential hopes. Chandler's friends say a victory over Barkley will inject him into the forefront of national politics. The Barkley-Chandler contest took on a more pronounced national interest when Washington authorities ordered a double-barreled investigation into charges that federal and state funds have been misused in the Kentucky campaigns.

The senate campaign funds committee voted to delve into what is going on in the state. Previously the social security board ordered a probe after Senator Barkley had accused state social security agents of playing politics with pension checks to the aged.

There is a Republican primary the same day but the heated campaigns of Barkley and Chandler for Democratic approval have far overshadowed the Republicans. Although little is heard from the Republican camp, observers say the race is between John P. Haswell, former United States commissioner here, and three other candidates.

New Dormitory For Training School

A WPA appropriation of \$30,441 for the construction of a dormitory at the State Training school, near here, was announced Monday by the office of Congressman G. Hayward Mahon in Greenville.

The building, which will be of brick construction, will cost approximately \$46,000. Dr. B. O. Whitten, the superintendent, stated yesterday. Of this amount \$15,830 is to be furnished by the institution and is provided for in a construction item carried in their appropriation bill this year.

Work on the building is expected to get started at once since the project has been given Washington approval. It will be a combination dormitory caring for from 70 to 80 persons and of a style of architecture similar to the several new buildings erected on the school's campus during the past few years.

Clinton Battery Scores Direct Hit

Battery G, 263rd Coast Artillery of Clinton, now undergoing an annual two weeks' training period at Fort Moultrie near Charleston, is making an excellent record in target practice.

On Monday the ten-inch disappearing rifles of Battery Jasper were fired by the local battery commanded by Captain Walter A. Johnson, and F of Greenville, commanded by Captain Clifton Singleton. Both batteries are reported to have made excellent showings. In commenting on the record fire, Lieut. Colonel Claude C. Smith, regimental commander, said Captain Johnson's battery had scored a direct hit on the target, a feat seldom accomplished in firing 13,500 yards at a tiny pyramid target.

Watts Announces For Game Warden

The formal announcement of J. D. W. Watts for game warden appears in the candidates' column of today's paper.

Mr. Watts, a farmer of the Trinity Ridge section, is widely known throughout the county. He formerly served the county as supervisor and sheriff, and recently has held the position of WPA bridge superintendent. One plank of Mr. Watts' platform, he states, will be the maintaining of an information office on game where the people may inform themselves as to game laws and other interesting facts about wild life.

Union Service At Presbyterian

The city union service next Sunday evening will be held at the First Presbyterian church at which time the pulpit will be occupied by Dr. J. C. Roper, pastor of North Broad Street Methodist church. A cordial invitation is extended all congregations to unite in the service.

Scouts Set-Up To Be Perfected

City Will Be Canvassed Friday To Secure Funds To Assist Boys With Program.

Under the leadership of E. D. Craig and an enthusiastic group of citizens of this section of the county, plans are being perfected so that every boy of 12 years of age may have the opportunity to be a Boy Scout. All members of the committee were present at Hotel Clinton Friday night to hear O. B. Gorman, Scout executive of the Blue Ridge council, explain the responsibilities of each member of the recently organized Clinton district committee.

R. L. Plaxico, chairman of the finance committee, outlined plans to enroll a number of adults as sponsors for the movement. Teams composed of two men will select a list of ten prospects and will give them an opportunity to make a financial investment in the movement. Under Mr. Plaxico's directions, these men will hold a meeting Friday morning at 8:30 at D. E. Tribble company's office. They plan that from "dawn to dusk," they will secure a sufficient number of sponsors to insure the program of Boy Scouts being carried out for the ensuing year.

At the opening of school in the fall, a survey will be conducted by R. E. Ferguson, chairman of the organization committee, to ascertain what boys would like to be Scouts and where they live. When this is done, Mr. Ferguson will interview various organizations in those communities and assist in the organization of new units.

One of the greatest needs of the community is to have men trained for leadership in the various phases of Scouting, scout officials state. W. R. Anderson, chairman of the training committee, is making plans to have as many men as possible attend an adult training course at Camp Old Indian in September. Training courses will also be held in the Clinton district to which all men over 18 years of age will be invited.

Now that the district committee has been chartered, it is no longer necessary for boys of this district to travel long distances to attend boards of review and courts of honor, as the new chairman of the advancement committee, is making arrangements so that all boys who want to advance in their Scouting requirements will have an opportunity in their own neighborhood, without the necessity of going elsewhere.

Others attending the meeting were: Commissioner, Hugh L. Eichelberger; Camping, D. C. Heustess; Health and Safety, Dr. D. O. Rhame, Jr.; A. L. Shepard, I. M. Adair and C. W. Anderson.

Hunter Announces For Commissioner

J. Ben Hunter of the Ora-Lanford section, one of the last candidates to qualify before the deadline on July 20, announces his candidacy in today's paper for county commissioner in this summer's primary.

Mr. Hunter made the race for this office two years ago, at which time he was defeated in the second race. He is a native of this county and has had considerable experience in road building, he states. He has also served as a school trustee in his district for the past twenty-two years, and for two years served without pay as a member of the state constabulary. Mr. Hunter stated that by experience and training he is qualified for the office and promises a faithful and efficient service if elected.

Church Group In Session Here

The annual young people's conference for the Christian church in South Carolina opened at Presbyterian college Monday and will continue through next Sunday. The conference is headed by Rev. E. B. Quick of Atlanta, director of religious education of the southeast for this denomination. The delegates are housed in two of the dormitories and meals are being served in the dining hall under the supervision of Mrs. Henry M. Young of this city.

BODY NEVER CLAIMED

A. T. Lambert, one of two men killed in an automobile turn-over at the end of North Broad street on the night of July 10th, was buried here on the 15th in Rosemont cemetery. No word from his relatives in Detroit, Mich., was ever received, Sheriff C. W. Wier stated.

MITCHELL AT HOME

George P. Mitchell, proprietor of the Clinton cafe, has returned to his home here after an operation and stay of three weeks at a Columbia hospital.

L. B. Blackwell Dies At Laurens

Well Known Newspaper Man and Native of Clinton, Passes At Home. Interment Here Yesterday.

Laurens, July 26.—Legare B. Blackwell, 63, prominent Laurens citizen, died Tuesday afternoon at his home after a critical illness of two weeks, though he had been in declining health for several months.

He had been a resident of Laurens since 1904, coming here from Union to become manager of the Laurens Advertiser's composing department. In 1910 he formed a job printery which he continued to operate until 1925 when he merged his interests with The Advertiser Printing company, publishers of The Laurens Advertiser, Alison Lee, editor. He became business manager, secretary and treasurer of the company, continuing in this capacity until his death.

In the church and civic life of the city, he was an elder and clerk of the session of the First Presbyterian church, secretary of the Laurens Rotary club and a former city councilman. In all of these relations he was faithful and efficient, and withal an unflinching friend and uniformly courteous.

Mr. Blackwell was a native of Clinton, a son of the late J. W. and Janie Copeland Blackwell. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Annie Harmon Blackwell; three daughters, Mrs. James Robins, Jr., Durham, N. C.; Mrs. Hubert T. McElveen, Florence; Mrs. L. C. Padgett, Jr., Greenpond, Colleton county; one son, J. W. Blackwell, Laurens; two grandchildren, James Robins, third, and Anne Padgett; a brother, E. Copeland Blackwell, Clinton; one sister, Mrs. Rebecca Moore, Cramerton, N. C.

Funeral services were held from the residence at 4:30 yesterday afternoon, conducted by his pastor, the Rev. E. D. Patton, the Rev. W. D. Spinx and the Rev. C. T. Squires of Greenville. Burial followed in the Presbyterian cemetery in Clinton.

Active pallbearers were Charles Fleming, L. S. McMillan, James Todd, W. P. Shealey, James Davis, Frank Caine, Cecil Roper and Robert Irwin. The honorary escort consisted of: R. F. Fleming, J. W. Todd, M. H. Hufter, M. C. Cochran, S. R. Dorroh, R. D. Young, Fleming Jones, Alex Brunley, M. L. Copeland, Dr. C. P. Vincent, Dr. J. H. Teague, C. M. Wolff, R. P. Watson, D. R. Simpson, C. E. Bobo, Allie Lee and L. G. Roff.

Special Services At Little River

Revival services will begin at Little River-Dominick Presbyterian church, near here, on next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Services will follow in the evening and each night the following week at 8:30, and each morning at 11 o'clock.

The guest preacher for the week will be Rev. E. P. Moye of Laurens, pastor of several Presbyterian churches in the county. The pastor of the church, Rev. C. J. Matthews of Newberry will lead the singing. All residents of the community and other friends are invited to attend the services.

Committee Named To Select Pastor

Laurens, July 24.—At a congregational meeting Sunday of the First Presbyterian church, a 12-member committee was named to select and recommend a successor to the Rev. E. D. Patton, who had resigned as pastor sometime ago, effective September 1.

Subsequently the committee organized by electing John Wells Todd chairman, and Robert M. Erwin, secretary.

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MADRID FORCES DRIVING DEEP

Loyalists Make 12-Mile Wedge Into Insurgent Line and Take 10 Villages. Planes In Action.

With the Spanish Government Army on the Ebro River front, July 26.—The government offensive in north-eastern Spain today drove a wedge 12 miles deep into insurgent ground.

Pushing west from the Ebro river valley into sandy wastelands over territory left by insurgent troops in their headlong flight, government forces struck from three sides toward Gandesa on a 16-mile front.

Their advance guard tonight passed that town, insurgent military headquarters in the region, without attempting to occupy the city.

Insurgent forces unleashed a savage aerial counter attack against the government's ground forces in an effort to block the offensive, but failed to break the movement.

The campaign settled down to a conflict between government infantry and insurgent planes with government troops holding the upper hand so far.

The troops crouched in trenches and under trees as insurgent raiders came overhead and then resumed the push.

All towns in the path of the offensive on the west bank of the river, including Asco, Mora de Ebro and Benisanet were occupied.

In the triangular area covered by government lines, staff officers said between 5,000 and 6,000 prisoners, all Spanish, were taken. About 2,000 more insurgents wandered in the hills, cut off from the main force.

The main road west of Mora de Ebro, the jumping off place of the offensive, to Gandesa, the immediate objective, was littered with material left by insurgents in their flight.

Today the government forces continued to move up amidst a wreckage of broken trucks, abandoned ammunition, discarded clothing and personal effects.

For five hours I rode with the government troops across the Ebro and along the road to Gandesa with insurgent aerial bombings and machine gunnings making a thunderous roar.

As many as 42 planes came over at one time launching up to 300 bombs in one raid. But most of the explosives fell harmlessly into the sandy earth. Veteran troops described the bombings as some of the most severe in two years of war.

But I saw only one man wounded by a bomb, and two others limping back from the front lines. Virtually no casualties were caused by insurgent infantry resistance.

The offensive on the long dormant front appeared already to have gained its first goal.

Flood Crests Pass, Except In Texas

Abating floods in the east last (Monday) night permitted victims to return to their drying lands, but in Texas the rampaging Colorado river menaced the state capital and left between 300 and 400 homeless.

As New Englanders dug out from the muck and silt left by receding rivers, they kept anxious eyes skyward, hoping the weatherman was wrong in his predictions that rain may resume today.

The seven-day storm damaged Connecticut's rich tobacco lands causing a loss of \$1,000,000. Rhode Island and Massachusetts, field and factory alike, also suffered, the losses in each of those states reaching at least \$1,000,000 by estimates.

Still out of its banks was the normally peaceful Concord river, which sent two to four feet of water coursing through streets of the historic Revolutionary town in New Hampshire and potato fields in the vicinity.

The Texas flood closed the highway from San Antonio to Austin, the capital, where the Colorado had passed a level of 32 feet and was still rising.

\$2,000,000 Damage Done

San Saba, Texas, July 25.—The southwest Texas flood-swept area tonight cleaned away debris and provided for the homeless as the muddy waters, which caused damage estimated at \$2,000,000 and claimed two lives, raced into the Colorado river to cause apprehension at Austin, the state capital, and lower river reaches.

The towns of San Saba, Menard, Brady and Llano, saw normally small streams return to their banks after five days of widespread rampaging.

At Austin, however, the situation grew darker as the Colorado passed the 32-foot stage and threatened to go on its worst rampage since the disastrous flood of 1935, when a stage of 41.8 feet was reached.

Already many small business establishments and residences in a low area were flooded. The San Antonio highway was closed.