

FIGHT OPENED IN PIEDMONT

Governors Start Vote Hunt In This Section. Law, Order and Political Machines Talked. Verbal Shots Fired.

Newberry, Aug. 2.—Little new matter was injected into the campaign for governor today as the eight Democratic candidates made their first official call in the heavily voting industrial Piedmont section of South Carolina.

E. Roy Stone of Greenville, candidate for state treasurer, joined the party and made his first address of the campaign. He consumed his allotted time in introductory remarks. First of the gubernatorial candidates was Burnet R. Maybank.

"I have never criticized any one in this campaign," the Charleston mayor said. "And so far as insinuations and innuendoes go — and so far as false statements go, some in pamphlet form, about my candidacy, why, my friends will take care of them."

"I run my own race," he declared. "I am the candidate of no clique or faction and the only voice I recognize is the voice of the people of South Carolina. I am running as a business man."

Ben E. Adams, of Eau Claire, who said for 31 days the party has been in the low country, declared "Now we are in my own country."

Referring to his legislative service, Adams said he was "elected on a platform of 'let us apply common sense to public business' and I spoke in behalf of the average working man."

"I want no trick bookkeeping when I am governor," Adams said. "I want a statement on my desk each day showing how much was taken in; how much was paid out — and have you got any left. What is the good of a budget which merely shows where the money went after it is spent?"

Neville Bennett, of Bennettsville, reiterated that he was "not a candidate of a city political machine of Charleston or of Columbia, and I run as an independent, on a basis of performance and not of promises."

"Our people should wake up to the challenge of the law abiding population," Bennett said. "The great issue is up to the church people, the young people, the law abiding people who are for clean honest government; not in county conventions nor in caucuses, but in the free thinking in 100,000 Democratic homes — they will think what is best for South Carolina and they will decide what the verdict shall be."

D. T. Blackmon, of Columbia, said he was in the race "because South Carolina needs a good governor."

"I am no politician — I never made a public speech until I entered this race, and I have never been lucky enough to get on relief," Blackmon said.

Cole L. Blease promised if elected governor "There will not be one cent of extra pay (for legislators) for I will veto the bill. Extra pay is not right."

Bleas told of his service as mayor of Newberry.

"Newberry was a clean town; not a bawdy house; no blind tigers in town; no gambling joints. I'd want my city in debt before I'd pay it out with that sort of money — gambling joints, machine politics."

John Hughes Cooper, of Columbia, said he wanted to talk about "the business of South Carolina."

He said taxes could only be reduced by eliminating waste from government, adding that the "most important thing for a candidate to have is character. Without character, he is a failure from the foundation."

"I am not Santa Claus. I can't in truth say taxes will be reduced — but I do say that tax money will be honestly spent. You can't live on demagoguery and hypocrisy all your lives."

F. M. Easterlin, of Spartanburg, made his usual speech against what he termed the greatest enemy of the human race, alcohol. He said he came before the people as a "plain Christian man upon whose heart God has put it to wage battle against alcohol."

"We need a governor and officers who have the courage to call upon men to repent; to put sin from among us so that God can bless us. Let us remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy."

Last of the gubernatorial candidates was Wyndham Manning, of Sumter, who promised "to carry out the duties of the governor's office fairly and frankly and impartially, and to enforce the laws impartially, knowing neither friend nor foe."

"I am the only full time farmer in this race," Manning said. "I know the problems of the farmer and I am fully equipped to look after his interest."

Mac Finney has returned home after spending several weeks at Camp Greenville.

Soviets Claim Foe Lost 400 In Battle

Whole Division Used By Japan In Fight for Border Zone. Modern War Machines Used.

Hsingking, Manchoukuo, Aug. 2.—Reports from Changkufeng today told of three more clashes Sunday night as Soviet Russian forces sought to regain that strategic position on the Siberian border from which they were driven by Japanese early Sunday.

The three fights occurred within an hour and a half, the first occurring at 5:30 p.m., when four tanks attacked and were repulsed.

At 6 p.m., 300 Soviet Russian troops aided by five tanks launched an assault against Japanese positions but were thrown back with the disabling of two of the tanks.

The last attack was at 7 p.m., when the Soviets began an artillery bombardment from six batteries. Japanese said little damage was done.

Moscow, Aug. 1.—Details of a sanguinary battle for possession of Changkufeng, on the Siberian-Manchoukuo border, in which Japanese hurled a whole division against Soviet Russian forces was disclosed in an official communique tonight.

Japanese losses were given as upwards of 400 killed and wounded in the bitterly fought attempt of Japanese to capture the strategic heights in the Possiet bay region which Russian forces began fortifying July 11.

Tanks, airplanes and artillery were brought into the battle for the disputed territory.

One Soviet scouting plane was brought down, and the announcement said it was believed the pilot was captured after he took to his parachute.

The gravity of the situation was seen in instructions to the Soviet chargé d'affaires in Tokio to warn the Japanese government of "possible terrible consequences" of this invasion of Russian territory.

The battle rages as the biggest clash on the Soviet-Manchoukuo frontier since the beginning in 1931 of the long series of boundary incidents, numbering hundreds.

Foreign military observers here who previously were inclined to view the situation as only another of these incidents were beginning to take a graver view of the encounter.

Thirteen Russian soldiers were reported killed and fifty-five wounded. The Russians captured five artillery pieces and fourteen machine guns, and lost a tank and a field piece themselves.

The official account of the battle said Japanese concentrated one division against Zaozernaya (Changkufeng) after they were repulsed in an attack on a nearby hill last Friday and on Sunday opened the battle unexpectedly with an artillery barrage. They were driven back.

Soviet troops did not cross the Manchoukuo border, it was explained, and so were unable to encircle the Japanese or make a flank attack upon them.

Prior to the official announcement little mention was made here of the trouble with Japan as mass meetings of Soviet workers celebrated anti-war day and pledged resistance to any invader.

At Khabarovsk, 400 miles north of the tense border district where Japanese and Soviet troops clashed, a mass meeting of Communist youth appealed to the populace of the Far Eastern area to perfect their military knowledge in preparation for defense of the nation's borders.

Little mention was made of the trouble with Japan as the anti-war observances marked the twenty-fourth anniversary of Germany's declaration of war against old imperial Russia.

A brief announcement said Japanese had been "strongly rebuffed" at Lake Chanchi near the juncture of the frontiers of Japanese Korea, Manchoukuo and Siberia on territory claimed by both Russia and Japanese-supported Manchoukuo.

The Soviet report said great losses of men and materials were inflicted on the Japanese.

Union Service With Methodists

The city union service next Sunday evening will be held at North Broad Street Methodist church. The pulpit will be occupied by Dr. L. R. Lynn, president of Thornwell orphanage. A cordial invitation is extended by the ministerial union to all congregations to attend the service.

AWAY ON VACATION

Dr. D. J. Woods, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, left Monday for a month's vacation to be spent with relatives in Blacksburg, Va., and Martinsburg, W. Va. During his absence his pulpit will be filled by visiting ministers.

OLIVER, OF CIO, WON'T COME TO SOUTH CAROLINA, AFTER ALL

Labor's Non-Partisan League Chief Decides Not To Enter State To Fight "Cotton Ed" Smith In Senatorial Race.

Washington, Aug. 1.—It was stated at the offices of labor's Non-Partisan league today that E. L. Oliver, executive vice-president of the organization, has abandoned any intention of going to South Carolina, which he announced at a press conference here on July 15 after conferring over a long distance telephone with Dowell Patterson, state president of the organization.

In the absence of Oliver, who is campaigning in Ohio, no official comment could be obtained on a report circulated in South Carolina of an alleged statement from Oliver to Patterson expressing surprise at the newspapers carrying Oliver's original statement that he expected to enter the South Carolina campaign personally in support of Governor Olin D. Johnston and against Senator Ellison D. Smith, whom Johnston is opposing.

But amazement that such a statement had been circulated was expressed by other officials of the organization which has been dominated by the

CIO since the widening of the rift between the CIO and the AFL, following the 1936 election when the league had all elements of organized labor behind it in its effort to reelect President Roosevelt.

These officials, who declined to be quoted in the absence of Mr. Oliver said that the latter had obviously spoken hastily at the press conference and had changed his attitude after conferring with South Carolina officials of the organization.

It is quite true as stated in the South Carolina report that the only formal statement issued about the league in the South Carolina senatorial race was to assign to Senator Smith a class "D" rating, the lowest of four given by the league.

But in response to questions by newspaper men, Oliver stated definitely on July 15 that the league was supporting Governor Johnston and that he expected to visit South Carolina personally within two or three weeks from that date.

"Better Days" For Agriculture

Administration Experts See Rise in Farm Products Prices. Recent Weeks Show Advance.

Washington, July 30.—Administration experts predicted today that "better days" were ahead for the nation's farmers as a year's decline in agricultural prices came to a halt.

At the lowest point in four years on June 15, the general level of agricultural prices advanced three percent by July 15, the bureau of agricultural economics reported. Virtually all commodities shared in the upturn except grains.

Agriculture department economists attributed the upswing principally to an improvement in the general economic situation both in this country and abroad. They cited increased sales in cotton textile goods and prospects for a smaller crop this year as factors largely responsible for a 5 percent advance in prices of cotton.

The continued decline in wheat prices was attributed to prospects for the second largest crop in this country and the largest world crop. The average price received by farmers dropped from 69 cents a bushel on June 15 to 60 cents on July 15.

Miss Sarah Watts Of Mountville Dies

Miss Sarah Frances Watts, 20, of Mountville, died Tuesday night at Hays' hospital after a four months' illness.

The daughter of Grover Cleveland Watts and the late Eliza Hudgens Watts, she was a member of the Mountville Baptist church and a graduate of the Mountville high school. Miss Watts, a young girl of many fine traits of character, was loved by all who knew her.

Surviving are her father, five brothers, J. H. Watts, Clinton; B. P. Watts, Greenwood; Walter Watts, Richard Watts and Elihu Watts, all of Mountville; four sisters, Mrs. E. E. Carter, Mountville; Mrs. Floyd Bouslay, Mountville; Mrs. Vernon Feafe, Ehrhardt, and Miss Eliza Fuller Watts, Mountville.

Funeral services were conducted at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the Mountville Baptist church, the Rev. Mr. Byrd officiating, assisted by the Rev. F. T. McGill and the Rev. J. A. Martin. Interment followed in the Mountville Presbyterian church cemetery.

Cannon Released On Bond Of \$2,000

B. C. Cannon, of this city, charged with killing Jack M. Anderson, weaver room, second hand at Clinton Cotton mills last Friday, was released Tuesday on \$2,000 bond on an order granted by Judge C. C. Featherstone of Greenwood.

PATROLMAN JACKSON MOVED

L. R. Jackson, state highway patrolman out of Laurens for the last five years, was on Monday, August 1, transferred to Gaffney. In turn, R. L. Best of the Gaffney district, has come to Laurens to serve in this area.

GOES TO MISSISSIPPI CAMP

Major A. B. Godfrey of this city, one-time captain of Battery F, Abbeville company of National Guard, left Sunday with the unit for Biloxi, Mississippi, for the Thirtieth division army maneuvers for two weeks.

Orphanage Girl Dies At Hospital

Velma Dunaway Passes While Spending Vacation With Her Mother In Greenville. Had Outstanding Record At Institution.

Miss Velma W. Dunaway, 17, a member of the Thornwell orphanage rising senior class, died early Tuesday morning in a Greenville hospital following an illness of two weeks duration. At the time of her death she was spending a month's vacation with her mother, Mrs. Ethel Patton Dunaway.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 3:30 from the Watts Mill Presbyterian church in Laurens, conducted by the Rev. H. C. Keller, Rev. A. H. Bouknight, Dr. L. Ross Lynn and Dr. M. G. Woodworth of this city. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Velma had been an inmate of the orphanage for the past four years where she had made an unusually fine record and stood high in her class. She had been selected a few weeks ago to assist in the office stenographic work for the coming year. Kind and gentle, promising in her studies, and faithful in the discharge of all duties, she was admired and loved by the children and workers of the institution. The news of her untimely passing brings genuine sorrow to all who knew her.

Velma is survived by her mother, two sisters, Flora and Doris Dunaway, both of the orphanage, and by one brother, J. L. Dunaway of the United States navy, stationed in San Pedro, California. She is also survived by her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Louise Dunaway, of Woodruff. Her father died several years ago.

Municipal Election Set For August 16

The city general election for the purpose of electing a mayor and six aldermen for the Town of Clinton, will be held on Tuesday, August 16, at the city hall. The polls will open at 8 a.m. and close at 4 p.m., with Frank E. Miller, Hugh C. Ray and J. H. Seay serving as managers.

Nominees of the June primary to be voted upon in the election are: Mayor, P. S. Bailey; alderman ward one, T. J. Peake; ward two, P. B. Adair; ward three, J. F. Jacobs; ward four, F. M. Boland; ward five, J. Furman Davis; ward six, J. W. Hedsbeth.

Sullivan Held In County Jail

Laurens, Aug. 2.—Broadus Sullivan today was held by a coroner's jury in connection with the death of another tenant farmer, James Putnam, both of Dials township. Putnam died Monday night from a head injury, allegedly inflicted by Sullivan Friday night at or near Reeves' ginney. Sullivan, the investigating officers said, struck the fatal blow with a four-foot slat, to end an argument between the two men.

Sullivan was arrested and committed to jail shortly before the death of Putnam, when the sheriff's office was notified of the critical condition of the injured man a few hours before. Solicitor Hugh Beasley assisted the coroner at the inquest Tuesday.

Miss Maude Pearson is spending the week in Athens, Ga., as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. Y. Harris.

Textile Worker Shot To Death

Jack M. Anderson Killed By B. C. Cannon In Dispute At Clinton Mills. Latter Held Following Inquest.

Jack M. Anderson, textile worker of the Clinton Cotton Mills, was shot to death early last Friday morning by B. C. Cannon, also a textile operator. The fatal dispute occurred on the floor space of the mill warehouse. Immediately following the shooting Cannon surrendered to local police and was later removed to Laurens and lodged in jail.

A coroner's inquest was held here Saturday morning at which time two persons testified, Ralph Spires and H. G. Canfield. Both testified that they heard none of the argument preceding the shooting. The verdict ordered Cannon held for the fatality.

Cannon's daughter, it was reported, had returned to her home and informed her father she had been replaced at the mill by Anderson. Cannon immediately went to the mill where he met Anderson and Overseer Gus Hughes, and Anderson's death soon followed. In the altercation Cannon was charged with hitting Hughes in the head with his pistol. Anderson suffered bullet wounds in the right hand, in the back of the head and twice in the chest.

Cannon is a native of this county, and had been a resident and employee at the Clinton mills for several years. Anderson, formerly of Georgia, had also been employed by the mill for several years.

Anderson Funeral Sunday

Funeral services for Mr. Anderson were held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Calvary Baptist church by the Rev. Ralph Hughes and the Rev. B. S. Drennan. Interment followed in Rosemont cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Willie Mae Anderson; six children, Mrs. Charlotte Stone, Greenwood; Mrs. Frances Lawson, Clinton; Lee Anderson, United States army, Panama Canal zone; Jack M. Anderson, Jr., Irthia and Hallie Mae Anderson, all of this place.

Cotton Loan Of 9 Cents Sought

Columbia, July 30.—A committee from the South Carolina farm council was named here yesterday to cooperate with Director D. W. Watkins of the Clemson college extension service in the planning and coordination of the new land use program.

President L. M. Lawson of Darlington, appointed J. H. Johns of Walhalla and C. W. Stone of Clinton, to serve with him on the committee.

In a special meeting, the council adopted a resolution asking that the commodities credit corporation lend at least nine cents a pound on cotton from the 1938 crop.

The council's constitution was amended to provide for four regular meetings a year on the second Tuesday in February, May, August and November.

State Peach Crop Yields \$1,000,000

Columbia, Aug. 1.—T. A. Cole, extension marketing specialist, said today nearly \$1,000,000 was received by South Carolina growers from the peach season which virtually ended this week.

Cole said 1,750 express carloads were sent out of the state and estimated that truck shipments aggregated 500 loads. He said this year's shipments were believed to have set a record.

Last year 1,431 express carloads and 200 to 300 truck loads were shipped.

Miss Pearl Hitt spent the past week in Chappells, as the guest of friends.

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DISTORT TRUTH SMITH CHARGES

Senator Brands As "Lies" the Charges By His Opponents. Brown and Johnston. Brown Admits Race a "Circus."

Winnsboro, Aug. 2.—South Carolina's three Democratic candidates for United States senator began the seventh week of their campaign tour here today, following closely the lines of attack and counter-attack established in the tour of the lower part of the state.

Governor Olin Johnston, who with State Senator Edgar A. Brown, is contesting for the seat now held by Senator E. D. Smith, reviewed his record as he spoke first on the day's program.

Johnston said he was "proud that Olin Johnston tried to carry out each and every promise he made the people of South Carolina."

He said that four years ago he "promised the teachers of South Carolina that they would not be paid in notes and not a teacher in South Carolina has received her pay in these notes."

The governor cited the establishment of the rental school textbook system, the additional month of state aid for schools and elimination of the five-mill property levy as accomplishments of his administration.

"South Carolina today is better off than at any time since the war between the states," he said. The state has a surplus of \$2,000,000, he added, and "the counties are now receiving back in taxes from the state far more than they were receiving when I went into office."

Johnston cited what he termed the opposition of Senator E. D. Smith, the incumbent, to President Roosevelt and the New Deal, asserting that while he (Johnston) made campaign speeches for Mr. Roosevelt, Smith did not speak for the Democratic presidential nominee.

"If the rest of the Democratic party had acted like Senator E. D. Smith, we would have had a Republican administration and Hoover would have been president," the governor said.

Senator Smith lauded the increased interest shown in politics by women voters.

"It's a good omen for the country when the women take an interest in politics," he said.

The veteran senator pointed out he had held the office for 30 years, "two years longer than any man ever served the state—longer than Calhoun, longer than Ben Tillman."

"It's an insult to the state for anybody to come before you and say I have been unfaithful to the principles of democracy," Smith charged. "I would not object to these attacks if they would stick to the truth."

Smith said "The governor is the greatest office you can give a man within South Carolina, a senator from a county is the highest office in his territory—and both of them have distorted the truth."

"They said I didn't vote for Franklin Roosevelt. It's a lie. They said I said 50 cents a day was enough for a laborer. That's another lie. I was trying to save the manufacturing industry."

"Get the record and read what I said," he urged.

"I have been blacklisted and so has Jimmy Byrnes, by the C. I. O. and the Non-Partisan league for our stand on the Negro," Smith said. "They endorsed Olin Johnston."

"They intend that the Negro shall be in your school and in your factories—I love Negroes in their place."

Edgar Brown said "From hearing Senator Smith, you would think a vote for me or Governor Johnston in this race would be a vote for the Negro."

"Is it our fault that the senior senator after 30 years in the senate has nothing to make a speech about but the Negro question which was settled years ago?"

"I am not going to ask you to vote for me on what somebody else has done as Governor Johnston is doing. He's taking credit for what was done by the legislature over which he had no control."

"During the last five or six years with only one active senator representing South Carolina, the farmer and laboring class of people have lost hundreds of millions of dollars," Brown said.

"I advocated extension of the state aid school term, free textbooks, rural electrification and have led every fight for the common people who could not represent themselves in the legislature. Why, I have been a New Dealer for the past 25 years."

NEW COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER
Dr. H. R. Perkins, newly appointed director of the district health department comprising the counties of Laurens and Abbeville, arrived in Laurens during the week to take up his duties. He succeeds Dr. R. M. Street, who resigned to do post graduate work at Tulane university.